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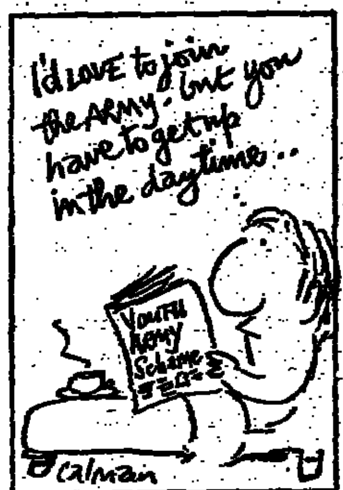
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Labour told it has one year to crush the Alliance

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Members of Labour's Shadow Cabinet and some MPs have received a stark analysis of the party's general election defeat which says that unless it beats off the challenge from the Liberal-Social Democratic Party Alliance within 12 months Labour will go into the next election as the third party.

Labour's senior politicians are told that the shift of votes away from the party to the Alliance between the 1979 and 1983 general elections represented an electoral "earthquake" and this shift suggests that Labour's performance in early parliamentary by-elections, next May's local elections and the following month's European Assembly elections will determine whether the same thing happens again.

"The next general election may be five years away but the decision about which is to be the third party in that election will almost certainly be decided within one year", the politicians are told.

"Unless we have broken the back of the Alliance within 12 months – unless we have firmly reestablished ourselves in second place in public opinion – we face the real prospect of a steady arosion of our already massively depleted vote".

The analysis, a copy of which has been obtained by *The Times*, states that in 1983 Labour ceased to be a national party, and claims: "Unless we understand and accept the sheer scale and nature of our defeat, there is not the slightest chance of us winning the next election".

The confidential paper has been prepared by one of Labour's most respected and experienced researchers, Mr David Cowling, who works for Mr Peter Shore, the Shadow chancellor and one of the *candidates in Labour's leadership election.*

The paper, which some MPs are now circulating outside Westminster, says that in May, 1979 Labour was more than seven million votes ahead of the Liberals; in 1983 it was less than 680,000 votes ahead of the Alliance.

Further changes are just as likely in the period ahead; during this Parliament, in two out of three by-elections in Conservative seats Labour will have to win from third place.

In three regions, the south-west, south-east (excluding London) and East Anglia, which comprise 176 constituencies, Labour won only three seats and came third in 149; and although it won 41 of Scotland's 72 seats it received only 35.1 per cent of the popular vote.

"Clearly unless we break out from our urban ghettoes, unless we so organize ourselves that there are no 'no go' areas for Labour in any part of Britain, then we cannot hope to reestablish ourselves as a national party, let alone win the next election."

Mr Cowling says that the *figure of 119 Labour lost* deposits on June 9, one in five of all the seats it contested, is further evidence of the scale of the defeat.

"To put this figure in perspective we have to understand that we lost only 82 deposits in the 11 general elections between 1945 and 1979 and a total of 212 in the 22 general elections since 1900."

In the south-west deposits were lost in 56 per cent of seats; and in the south-east the figure was 43 per cent.

Labour candidates finished third in more seats than the party won. In Britain's 633 constituencies, Labour finished first in 209, second in 132; third in 284 and fourth in 10.

Labour needs to win 117 seats at the next election to secure a bare majority of two over all other parties in the Commons, *requiring it to win* almost nine out of every 10 seats where it came second in June, 1983; and if it was to secure a majority which could see Labour through a full Parliament it would have to win *some seats in which the party* came third in June.

Mr Cowling says in his paper that its purpose was not to offer subjective judgments on why Labour lost so heavily, but took as its basic premise the proposition that unless the party understood the scale of its defeat there was no chance of it winning the next election.

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Thatcher in hospital for major eye surgery



Mrs Thatcher leaves Downing Street with Dr John Henderson before yesterday's operation.

By Our Political Reporter

Mrs Margaret Thatcher *underwent a serious operation* yesterday on her damaged right eye after laser treatment failed.

The Prime Minister was taken straight to hospital for immediate surgery after visiting a Harley Street specialist *early yesterday afternoon.*

In an examination lasting 50 minutes the specialist found that a minor operation carried out on Sunday, details of which were disclosed only yesterday, had not succeded in repairing a tear *in the retina, which had* become partly detached.

Downing Street said Mrs Thatcher was expected to be in hospital for two or three days and resume her normal programme next week, when she is due to go on a fortnight's holiday to Switzerland. But Mr John Shilling, a London eye-specialist, said in a television interview last night that it might take up to a month to recover fully from such an operation.

Lord Whitelaw, who would take control of the Government if Mrs Thatcher had to rest for a long time, was said to be standing by at his farm near Penrith, Cumbria, to take on urgent duties. But there was no suggestion that he would return to London yet.

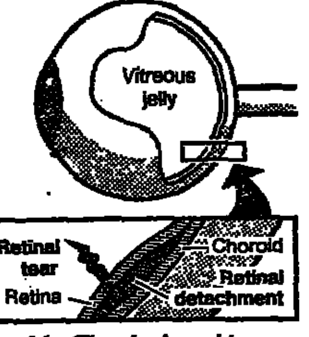
Downing Street insisted that Mrs Thatcher would continue to run the Government while in hospital and would keep in touch with her officials by telephone.

The aim of yesterday's operation carried out under general anaesthetic, was to stick together separated layers *of the eye with a surgical* freezing technique.

An extremely cold instrument is applied to the eyeball and the ultra cold temperature *is transmitted to the separated* retinal layer and sticks it back. Downing Street said Mrs Thatcher would have to wear dark glasses for 24 hours after the operation.

In accordance with Mrs Thathcer's wishes Downing Street declined to reveal where the operation took place or who conducted it. The Prime Minister, who belongs to the British *United Provident Association* (BUPA), is receiving private treatment.

The fact that Mrs Thatcher had already undergone a minor operation was not disclosed until the announcement that *she was going into hospital.* Downing Street had referred earlier in the week to "minor damage" to the retina and



Mrs Thatcher's problem

declined to specify the nature of the treatment received. Her own doctor, Dr John Henderson, had said there were clear signs of improvement.

The earlier operation was carried out under local anaesthetic. A special contact lens was fitted over the eye, through which laser beams were focused in an attempt to seal the tear.

It was said last night to have *had a 70 per cent chance* of success. Downing Street said the success rate for the second operation was 95 per cent for a detached retina and even better than that for Mrs Thatcher's condition, in which only a tiny *part of the retina separated.*

In people of the Prime Minister's age the vitreous jelly in the inner eye contracts (writes our medical correspondent). If the jelly is unusally adherent to the retina this contraction tears a hole, allowing fluid to spread under the retina, which is them lifted.

The aim of the laser treatment which Mrs Thatcher *had was to seal the hole to halt* the fluid.

The second operation probably took about an hour.

US sends Chad $7m military supplies

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

The United States yesterday announced that it had sent military supplies worth $7m (£4.6m), including anti-aircraft equipment, to the Chad Government to help it in its fight against Libyan-backed *dissident forces in Northern* Chad.

The State Department spokesman said these supplies included lorries, jeeps, medical items, some ammunition, small arms and anti-aircraft equipment.

An unspecified number of shoulder fired Redeye guided missiles have been airlifted for the Chadian Army. The spokesman said that the supplies sent were from the recently allocated $10m for aiding the Pro-Western Government of President Hissene Havré.

The US was closely consulting the French Government, which is also giving military supplies to President Habré.

● NDJAMENA: Libyan aircraft are attacking Chad Government troops cornered in the northern town of Faya-Largeau with repeated clusters of fragmentation and phosphorous bombs, but President Hissene Habré's men are holding out, according to Army sources here (AFP reports).

Western sources in a position *to assess the situation* independently agreed with this description of the scene in Faya-Largeau, the sprawling oasis 500 miles north of Ndjamena, which Mr Habre's forces recaptured on Saturday.

These reports were a contradiction of claims by the army of Mr Goukouni Oueddei, the ousted President, broadcasting from Libya, to have regained control of the strategic town.

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Striking print union accepts £13 peace formula to bring back FT

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The Financial Times should be back on the streets early next week after a strike of more than two months that has cost the company an estimated £10m.

Leaders of the National Graphical Association last night accepted a peace formula agreed in secret talks with the company and the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas).

The 24 machine-minders whose stoppage closed the paper will receive a £13-a-week guaranteed increase, taking their weekly pay to £317 for 32 hours. They were claiming £322.

The settlement, which has to be *confirmed* in a *return-to-work* agreement to be negotiated today by NGA officials and the newspaper's management, *removes the threat of the* craft print union's suspension from the TUC.

The TUC general council was due to meet this morning to suspend the NGA for refusing

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to abide by "formal advice" that it should accept the award recommended by an Acas-appointed mediator. The mediator said the men should not have more than they were *paid* before the strike.

The TUC will not now consider the disciplinary action, and Mr Len Murray, the TUC *general secretary, said he was* delighted at the outcome of the 16 hours of negotiations which resulted in a settlement much *higher than the general council* was instructing the NGA to accept.

Mr Joe Wade, the NGA's general secretary said last night: "We have achieved our objective of reaching by negotiation *with the management* a solution to this dispute."

The settlement, agreed early yesterday, gives an immediate £7 a week to the machine-minders, and a guaranteed further £6 when the union negotiates a joint press room agreement during the next fortnight in talks involving the semi-skilled union, Sogat 82.

Further money could result *from those talks.*

Mr Alan Hare, the *Financial*

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Americans step up Salvador aid

From a Staff Reporter

Guatemala and El Salvador, the *main allies of the United States* in Central America, are to be given extra US food aid in an attempt to focus attention on the economic aspects of Washington's policy in the region. Mr John Block, the Agriculture *Secretary, has been* dispatched to the region on direct instructions from the White House.

An American destroyer questioned the captain of a Soviet ship en route to Nicaragua. The ship was not stopped or boarded but it was asked to identify its cargo. It responded to the questions and continued on its course.

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Beith heads Liberal lists for deputy chief

By John Winder

Four Liberal MPs are seen as possible contenders if the party assembly decides in September that *Mr David Steel* should have an elected deputy. The "if" may be a *big* one, for some MPs were arguing yesterday that the assembly discussions might well lead to a quite different future strategy.

Some see *the* creation of the posts of deputy leader, and chairman as an over-generous provision of chiefs with so few "indians" in Parliament, even though the Parliamentary *Liberal* Party now numbers 17, the largest since the Second World War.



Mr Alan Beith; Front-runner for deputy leadership

The four front runners must be headed by Mr Alan Beith, Liberal Chief Whip for more than seven years, who has the advantage of having stood in for Mr Steel since he took an enforced rest some weeks ago.

Other MPs with a good chance would be *Mr David* Penhaligon, MP for Truro, and Mr Russell Johnston, MP for Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber, while the fourth possibility is Mr Cyril Smith, MP for Rochdale.

Mr Smith will be presenting the motion, which would make the election of a deputy leader possible, to a strategy commission, meeting in advance of the Liberal Assembly, at Harrogate on September 19. The motion runs to three pages of single-spaced typing.

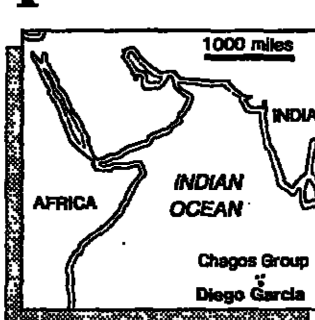
The key section of the motion, which was rewritten yesterday, says that there should be a more corporate style of leadership and that all members of the parliamentary party should be involved in the election of a chief whip and of a chairman. A deputy *leader* should be elected by the whole membership of the party

The motion says that the same election procedure should be used for future elections of the party leader and deputy leader.

Mr Smith said yesterday that the motion was not to be seen as an attack on Mr Steel, nor as a result of his illness.

Coconut invaders get orders to quit atoll

Britain is seeking to evict a group of coco-fibre merchants who have landed illegally on a remote Indian Ocean island *atoll near the military base in* Diego Garcia.



The Foreign Office confirmed last night that a ship had landed the merchants on a small island *in the Chagos group.* Although the incident seems similar to the South Georgia "invvasion" by Argentine scrap metal dealers which led to the Falklands war last year, no gunboat diplomacy is envisaged in the Indian Ocean, it is understood.

The Navy Lieutenant-Commander commanding the 39-strong party of sailors and Royal Marines in *Diego Garcia* is acting in his civilian capacity as a deputy commissioner to ensure the illegal immigrants leave.

A foreign Office Spokesman said: "An approach was made to the British High Commission in Port Louis, Mauritius, last December seeking permission to visit the Island. Permission was not granted. Neither captain nor the crew was issued *with the entry permits required* under British Indian Ocean Territories' (BIOT) law.

"They were then informed by BIOT that their presence in the territory is *illegal* and they were asked to leave.

Three killed as jet crashes off Gibraltar

By Rodney Cowton
Defence Correspondent

The crew of three were killed when an RAF Canberra jet bomber crashed into the sea shortly after taking off from Gibraltar yesterday. The aircraft was on its way back to its base at RAF Wyton, in Huntingdonshire, after taking part in exercises.

The members of the crew were Flying Officer William Hunter Edward, aged 24, a married man who lived at Wyton; *Flying Officer Andrew* Guy Beynon, 22, unmarried, *from Bristol;* Flight Lieutenant Peter Ford, 42, married, from Needingworth, Cambridgeshire.

Lawson initiative signals start of three-way debate

Government to identify job-creating sectors

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

A new government initiative to identify the sectors in which jobs are most likely to be created in post-recession Britain was promised yesterday by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

A special study is to be put in train by the Treasury and a full report is expected to go to the National Economic Development Council in the late *autumn. It seems* certain to signal the start of a major debate, with business and trade union leaders intent on influencing long-term job-creation policies.

Mr Lawson, who chaired yesterday's Neddy meeting, expressed *his keen desire for his* department and the Government, *rather than the National* Economic Development Office, to take the lead in any discussion on the generation of jobs. The Government would produce a paper on the theme of "Where will the new jobs come from?"

The Confederation of British *Industry, whose latest survey of* manufacturing this week suggested that the recovery continues to be slow and patchy, will take the opportunity of Mr Lawson's paper to reiterate employers' concentration on the role of cost competitiveness in curbing the rate of unemployment and in creating new jobs.

The CBI survey showed that industry *expects to shed jobs* at between 10,000 and 12,000 a *month at least until* the autumn.

TUC delegates told Neddy that they would also be preparing a document on jobs. There has been considerable trade union concern about the impact of *future job generation* of new technology.

Mr Lawson's initiative followed the presentation to the council of a report from Mr John Cassels, the NEDO director general, outlining the pattern of employment trends and the obstacles to the emergence *of new jobs.* It also comes after the NEDO's pre-election report to the council in April which predicted no growth in employment *this decade* and drew sharp criticism from government and CBI leaders.

Mr Cassels, who took over at the NEDO the day after the general election, urged the council to take a fresh look at employment trends in the light of several factors: technological change, the *international* environment, the tendency of large companies to buy in more goods and services and to cut down on direct workers, and the signs that a higher proportion of work was being done by part-timers, the self-employed and those engaged under government employment schemes.

Obstacles to new jobs, he

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TUC will drop boycott of Tebbitt and test the ice, Murray predicts

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The TUC will drop its boycott of contacts with Mr Norman Tebbitt, the Secretary of State for Employment, in a move to test government intentions towards the unions, Mr Len Murray, TUC general secretary, predicted yesterday.

In an interview with *The Times* conducted after publication of the preliminary agenda for the September TUC conference in Blackpool, he said: "We have to be free to go in and test the ice.

"That is why it is important that we should go and talk to Mr Tebbitt about his union legislation, not only about those proposals but to try to make a judgment about the attitude of the Government.

"It is the one way to find out what they are thinking and what they are intending to do, not just what they are saying. We may fail. We may find the frost is still there, in which case I would not see much advantage to the TUC in merely slithering about on the ice. But we have got to find out."

Militant engineering white-collar workers are urging next month's conference to reject "any discussion with the Government on the subject of anti-union legislation," but after a close vote on the TUC General Council, Mr Murray believes there will be a substantial majority for lifting the ban on talks with Mr Tebbitt.

The minister had invited the TUC for discussions on his recent White Paper on democracy in the unions. That envisages compulsory secret ballots for internal union elections and the removal of legal immunity from strikes which have not been sanctioned by a ballot of those involved.

But the issue on which the TUC hopes to make some headway is the Minister's controversial proposal to make the operation of trade union political funds subject to a ballot veto every ten years. On that point they believe Mr Tebbitt is still open to persuasion.

Mr Murray is also confident that a move by the National Graphical Association to get the TUC out of the National Economic Development Council will be defeated. "It is a balance of advantage to be in Neddy," he said. "Like going to see Tebbitt, it is a balance of advantage. Those who want to abolish Neddy are those who do not want to talk to the Government.

"We can make it perfectly clear we do not accept the policies of the Government, but while saying we do not accept them, we are affected by them. We have to recognize that as fact."

Mr Murray also predicted "a long and full reappraisal of our economic policies" in the wake of the Blackpool Congress.

'Union of the unemployed'

● The TUC is to try to win back the 1,500,000 "lost comrades" who have left unions in the last four years. A motion before congress next month, and almost certain to be passed, will aim to issue special TUC cards to former trade unionists who are unemployed.

The "Union of the unemployed" is proposed in a resolution from the National Union of Journalists.

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Manacles used on remand prisoners at police stations

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Prisoners on remand in London police cells are being manacled together for exercise which might last no more than quarter of an hour a day and are sometimes guarded by police dogs.

The rest of the time is spent sharing with another prisoner a cell smaller than those in prisons the Victorians built to hold one person.

The cells, in Arbour Square Police Station in London's East End, were shown to journalists for the first time yesterday. They have been pressed into emergency use because of lack of room in London's overcrowded jails.

Inspector Roger Moore said at Arbor Square yesterday that there were no proper facilities for the police to assume responsibility for prisoners not in jails. "We have no laid-down minimum for exercise. The yard is used for exercise purposes when it is available." It also serves as an entrance to a magistrates' court and a police compound for vehicles. The No. three area dog section is at the station.

Use of dogs at exercise time was not a prerequisite, Inspector Moore said, but if they were there while prisioners were in the yard "it would be natural to say 'hang on'". There has been one attempted escape from Arbour Square.

There is one washbasin in the corridor outside the four cells which house eight prisoners. But if they want to use a shower upstairs they can do so if there are officers to supervise them.

There is a lavatory in the cell, but no privacy. Each cell contains only one bed. The other prisoner lies on a mattress on the floor, sometimes for much of the day. There is little else to do and almost no space in which to do it, though prisoners can have radios to listen to. There are no wardrobes or cupboards.

They have little complaint about food or visits, though one prisoner said it was sometimes difficult to keep in touch with relatives. After a court appearance they might be moved to another police station.

Another prisoner told me that because police did not have enough staff to man the station, they had tried, unsuccessfully, to shorten a half-hour interview with his lawyer to prepare his case.

Conditions compare badly with those even in overcrowded prisons and remand centres where much more time is spent out of cells. "I seem to take it out on visitors", one prisoner said. "I get wound up more because I am banged up for so much of the day."

For the Prison Department, which meets all the cost of keeping prisoners in police cells, the emergency is expensive. In the first two months of this financial year, use of police and court cells has cost £1.4m. The total cost in 1982-83 was £3.4m.

Mr Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, said on July 21 that he was determined to ensure that the use of police cells to hold prisoners was eliminated before the end of the year. On Monday there were 268 people in police cells, 153 of them in the Metropolitan Police area and the rest in those of surrounding forces.

● The Prison Department was yesterday studying the implications of a clash between black remand prisoners and white prisoners in Wormwood Scrubs jail, west London on Tuesday.

The trouble began when a prison officer tried to break up a fight between a black prisoner and a white prisoner. Ten other prisoners, six black and four white, then joined in.

In the end the clash involved nearly half of the prisoners in the severely overcrowded B wing. There were minor scratches and bruises to 11 inmates, and of 11 officers needing medical examination, three went off duty, according to the department.

Photograph: Brian Harris

Two prisoners sharing a single cell at Arbour Square police station.

Judge convicts 34 of IRA terror crimes

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Thirty-four people had been convicted of terrorist crimes on the word of a Provisional IRA supergrass yesterday when the Belfast Crown Court judge ended the second day of his judgment in Ireland's longest trial.

Mr Justice Basil Kelly cleared three of the 38 defendants implicated by Christopher Black. Today he will deal with the one remaining man accused of murdering the Maze prison's deputy governor in 1978.

Those convicted on the 118th day of the trial included the youngest defendant, aged 20, and the oldest, Mrs Rose Harvey, a 71-year-old grandmother, who allowed her home to be used by the IRA.

Others convicted included Gerald Loughlin, officer commanding the Provisionals' Third Battalion, Tobias McMahon, an explosives expert, and Kevin Mulgrew, the leader of an active service unit.

The public gallery was crowded as Mr Justice Kelly went through Mr Black's evidence about a murder, conspiracy to murder, possession of arms and knee-cappings.

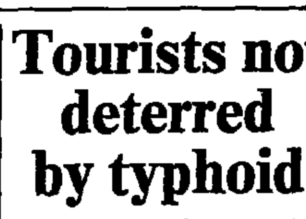
The 32 men and five women have been convicted of a number of terrorist charges. Mulgrew, Loughlin and Charles McKiernan, have been convicted of murdering a part-time member of the Ulster Defence Regiment.

The judge said Mr Black's role was "more then peripheral" – he had addressed a letter used by a gunman disguised as a postman to lure the man to his door.

Another six people involved in setting up the killing were found guilty of less serious charges.

Mrs Pauline McKinney, aged 42, and her son, Mark, 20, were convicted of Provisional IRA membership, and her husband, Edward 45, was convicted of possessing a firearm.

The judge is wearing a bullet-proof vest as part of the tight security at the court. When the trial is over he may be given protection for life.



Tourists not deterred by typhoid

While some holidaymakers cut short their stay on the Greek Island of Kos because of the typhoid outbreak and flew back to Britain, others were flying out to begin their holidays yesterday.

So far official figures have 12 confirmed typhoid cases and 12 suspected, but hospitals in Britain say that the numbers are higher. Most of the cases involve people who stayed at the Ramira Beach Hotel on the island early in June.

One holiday firm, Thomson, said yesterday that six of their 90 clients staying at the hotel had cut short their holiday, but more than 20 other people were flying out after being given the option of cancelling with a full refund.

The Department of Health said yesterday that thousands of holidaymakers did not realize that vaccinations were recommended for most parts of the Mediterranean, including Spain, Portugal, Greece, Italy, Turkey and North Africa.

But travel agents may not always pass on the recommendation to those booking holidays, the Association of British Travel Agents (Abta) admitted.

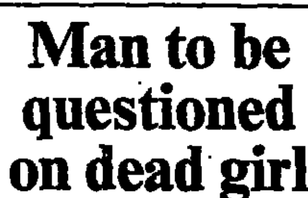
"We have to advise the necessary vaccinations", an Abta spokesman said, referring to those diseases, like yellow fever, against which protection is compulsory to enter certain countries.

In Bristol, Doctors said yesterday that there was a shortage of typhoid vaccine and hundreds of families planning holidays abroad had been unable to get their prescriptions filled.

● Public health authorities in Madrid said yesterday that outbreaks of typhoid fever and legionaires' disease in eastern Spain were under control (a Madrid Correspondent writes).

In Murcia four elderly patients in a psychiatric hospital have died of typhoid fever during the past week. The hospital's water supply became contaminated as the result of a broken water main.

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Man to be questioned on dead girl

By Arthur Osman

A man arrested in Bristol on a theft charge is to be interviewed by Leicestershire detectives taking part in the Caroline Hogg murder inquiry.

However, a senior police officer said yesterday: "We are going all over the country seeing people on various aspects of the hunt, so too much importance should not be attached to this."

It is understood that the man, aged about 27, is a long distance lorry driver and lives in co Durham.

In Edinburgh, where Caroline Hogg, aged five, disappeared on July 8 – her body was found on July 18 near Twycross, Leicestershire – the police said they were renewing an appeal for an Asian family group, which had been in a swing park in Potobello at about the time the child was there to come forward.

Two officers of the Lothian and Borders police have returned from West Germany after seeing Herr Fritz Witte, a schoolteacher.

Research group head named

Professor Sir Douglas Hague, who is to be the new chairman of the Social Science Research Council. He is an adviser to the Prime Minister, head of the strategic unit at the Oxford Centre for Management Studies and co-author of *Textbook of Economic Theory*. His appointment coincides with the SSRC's decision to rename itself the Economic and Social Research Council at the prompting of Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education. The professor succeeds Mr Michael Posner.

Satellite links for ships in £350m scheme

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

Inmarsat, the London-based international maritime satellite organization, is to establish a £350m mobile communications system which would provide satellite links to up to 20,000 ships as well as aircraft and possibly even long-distance lorries.

The world's aerospace companies were invited yesterday to tender for the second-generation Inmarsat system, including up to nine satellites to be launched between 1988 and 1991.

Manufacturers will be competing fiercely for what will be one of the most valuable orders of the decade, and one consortium, led by Britain's GEC-Marconi, including Ford Aerospace and Aerospatiale of France, has already agreed to submit a joint proposal.

Inmarsat is willing either to lease or to buy the satellites, which will carry 125 to 250 telephone channels, compared with a maximum of 40 on the current first-generation satellites.

The satellites may be launched on the Soviet Proton rocket as an alternative to the European Ariane or the American Shuttle.

Equal pay

Why Nell's victory is crucial

By Richard Evans

While most working women in Britain may not take kindly to being compared with Nell Gwynne, millions almost certainly face the same pay discrimination suffered by the actress who featured in this week's much-publicized industrial tribunal.

The sad truth for women, 13 years after Britain led the field in introducing equal pay legislation, is that their average earnings are still only three quarters of those paid to men, and many even earn less than their male counterparts for work of equal value.

Under the existing Equal Pay Act a woman can claim equal pay with a man for work which is "like" his or has been "rated as equivalent" by a job evaluation scheme, but she cannot claim it where she is doing different work, albeit of equal value to the employer.

The loophole is particularly damaging to women in industries where they monopolise one job, and therefore cannot compare their wages with those of a man.

In the clothing industry job segregation has traditionally required women to be the machinists and men the cutters. Although they contribute equally to producing clothes, men have always been paid more. Likewise, women who tend to dominate the production and packing lines in the food processing industry earn less than men involved with warehousing and distribution.



Gaynor Miles, the actress who pioneered a principle.

In theory, women's chances of equal pay for equal work should improve dramatically from the beginning of next year. For the Government, rapped over the knuckles by the European Court of Justice, is in th process of widening the scope of legislation.

Under a draft order laid before Parliament shortly before the summer recess, women will be allowed to claim equal pay for work which is of equal value to a man's in terms of the effort, skill and decision-making required.

Industrial tribunals which hear claims would be able to commission reports from independent experts on whether jobs were of equal value.

But critics say parts of the order are so badly drafted that it is bound to be thrown out by Parliament, and in any case it may not satisfy the European court.

The performance of Mr Alan Clark, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Employment, who unveiled the proposals before the Commons, only served to confirm doubts about the Government's determination to enforce equal pay.

He angered MPs of all parties with his apparent lack of commitment to the principle of the new measure.

And so the victory of Nell Gwynne, alias Miss Ganor Miles in successfully claiming she should have been paid as much as two male court jesters in a restaurant entertainment is being hailed as crucial.

Ms Di Trembath of the Equal Opportunities Commission, who thinks a majority of women probably suffer from pay discrimination, said yesterday she hoped the case would persuade more women to come forward with genuine claims.

"It is going to make both employees and employers question what this concept of equal value is all about, and whether it applies to them."

Attack on NHS care at cut price

By Our Social Service Correspondent

Private patients are getting cut-rate treatment in health service hospitals, some of which are not even collecting the money, Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS), the white-collar union, claimed yesterday.

People who may have paid to jump the queue, were being charged £5.50 for an electrocardiograph test; £5 for any number of tests on a blood specimen and £3.50 for a single physiotherapy session.

Mr Terry Comerford, the ASTMS national officer, said: "We have reproduced this information in a leaflet for wide circulation to show the taxpayer the level of rip-off by the private health sector.

"Mrs Thatcher should be doing something about these charges rather than attempting to save money by sacking health service workers and closing hospitals."

Reply over Nigerians' tuition fees

By Our Education Correspondent

The nine British universities and polytechnics accused by the Nigerians this week of refusing to give vital information which would enable Nigerian students to pay their fees said yesterday either that they had given the details requested or that they had few problems.

"The Nigerian High Commission seems to be passing the buck," Mr Ted Bell, senior assistant regisrar of Reading University said, "While it is true that we are not prepared to give complete information about all our Nigerian students, we have given information about the students who owe fees or on whose behalf fees are owed."

Hatfield Polytechnics, Oxford Polytechnics, Sussex University, King's College, and the London School of Economics, say they do not have any problem with unpaid fees, but that they respect the confidentiality of information provided by students.

MP calls for inquiry after firm secretly closes

The Government was last night asked to suspend share dealings and investigate the affairs of two companies, one of whose workers returned from holiday to find that their factory's machinery and equipment had been removed.

Employees of Nova (Jersey) Knit, plc, found the gates locked at their factory in Ystrad Mynach, Mid Glamorgan, and were later told by letter to go to work on Monday to hear details of redundancy payments.

Union officials later discovered that the machinery, to dye and finish textiles, had been located in Nottingham, at the W. E. Saxby factory.

Last night Mr Ron Davies, Labour MP for Caerphilly, contacted Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and demanded that share dealing in both companies be suspended.

Union representatives are to meet Mr Frederick Strasser, chairman of Nova Knit tomorrow.

Last night Mr Strasser said he could not comment before the publication of the company's annual report to shareholders today.

Park and ride stations planned

Inter-City's answer to M25

By Michael Baily Transport Editor

British Rail plans a ring of Inter-City stations around London to combat the effect of the M25 orbital motorway on rail travel.

Nearly two thirds of BR's £450m Inter-City business originates in the London area and it could be greatly reduced when the M25 is completed in three years.

Business and commuter travellers will soon get into the habit of using the M25 for local journeys, and once in the car they may use one of the radial motorways to their provincial destination rather than go into London to catch an Inter-City train.

To provide a rival attraction British Rail plans a series of park and ride stations on or near the M25 that will tempt businessmen to leave their cars and travel by rail.

Likely sites are Stevenage on the Newcastle and Edinburgh line; Luton for Nottingham and Sheffield; Watford for Manchester, Liverpool and Glasgow; Slough for Bristol and South Wales; and Woking for Southampton and the south coast.

The perimeter stations will feature greatly expanded car parks similar to the highly successful Bristol Parkway on the M4. Many more high-speed trains will stop at the stations which will be refurbished.

The plan is part of a new BR strategy to sell Inter-City into the next century by meeting the challange of the widespread population exodus from the centre to the periphery of London and other cities. Perimeter stations are also being considered around Glasgow, where the population has fallen 30 per cent since 1951, Liverpool and Manchester (35 per cent) and Birmingham (15 per cent).

A close watch will be kept on the possibility of redeveloping the city centre termini built in Victorian days. These valuable sites, as disclosed in *The Times* this week, are regarded by the Government as suitable for private development into commercial, shopping and entertainment centres.

● A £2 packet of washing powder will buy more than £100 worth of rail travel in a big promotional deal between BR and the Lever Brothers combine.

For every three coupons from such Lever products as Persil and Domestos, a rail ticket for use throughout Britain and to Paris and Amsterdam will be given free, provided the user travels with a passenger paying the full fare.

Scots 'less violent than English'

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

The Scots are more criminal but less violent than the English and Welsh, according to a Home Office study published yesterday.

It showed that there was more violence against the person in England and Wales – the only offence for which this was so. The study compares recorded crime per capita from 1969 to 1981.

In Scotland, the number of offences of violence against the person per 100,000 population rose from 82 in 1969 to 154 in 1981. In England and Wales, the increase was from 78 to 203.

The rate for all offence categories in Scotland was higher than in England and Wales by 11 per cent in 1969 and by 40 per cent in 1981. There was more theft and handling in England and Wales at the beginning of the period, but Scotland took the lead from 1976, partly as the result of a change in recording practice.

In 1981, the Scottish rate for criminal damage was almost three times that for England and Wales, while figures for fraud and forgery were about twice as high. The rates for burglary and theft and handling were only about one fifth higher than in England and Wales while the rate for sexual offences was very similar.

Criminal Justice Comparisons (Lorna J. F. Smith. Research and Planning Unit Paper 17. Home Office).

Police seek taxi driver

Scotland Yard yesterday began searching for a London taxi driver who may have vital information in the search for the killer of Mr Peter Arne, aged 63, the actor found battered to death in his Knightsbridge flat last Monday.

Police know that Mr Arne visited a theatrical costumier on Monday morning. He was picked up from the firm, in Clerkenwell, by taxi shortly after midday. At about 2pm neighbours heard a commotion in Mr Arne's flat in Hans Place and later police found his body.

Police want to know where the taxi driver was ordered to take his passenger.

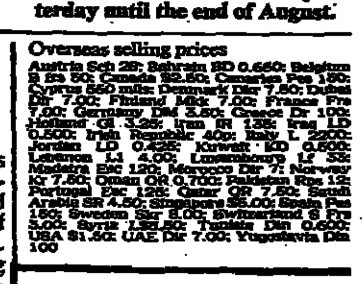
An inquest into Mr Arne's death was adjourned at Westminster Coroner's Court yesterday until the end of August.

Numbers worry polytechnics

A record number of students went to Britain's 30 polytechnics last year, figures published yesterday by the Committee of Directors of Polytechnics show. Some polytechnics are reaching the limits of their capacity in certain areas and are becoming alarmed, Mr Roger Blows, the committee's senior administrative assistant, said.

Last year there were 140,000 on full-time and sandwich courses, a rise of 6.6 per cent. The increase in students going to polytechnics is partly a result of the cut in university students.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 28; Bahrain BD 0.660; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.50; Canaries Pes 180; Cyprus 550 mils; Denmark Dkr 7.50; Dubai Dir 7.00; Finland Mkk 7.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.25; Iran IR 138; Iraq LD 0.500; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Jordan LD 0.425; Kuwait KD 0.600; Lebanon LL 4.00; Luxembourg Lf 55; Madeira Esc 120; Morocco Dir 7; Norway Kr 7.50; Oman OR 0.700; Pakistan Rps 12; Portugal Esc 125; Qatar QR 7.50; Saudi Arabia SR 4.50; Singapore $5.00; Spain Pes 150; Sweden Skr 8.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Syria L$3.50; Tunisia Din 0.600; USA $1.50; UAE Dir 7.00; Yugoslavia Din 100





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Many snaps are ruined by process firms, consumer magazine says

By Stephen Goodwin

Blurred views and chopped off heads which typically mar photographs of that unforgettable holiday may not, after all, be the fault of the camera or an unsteady hand.

A report in the consumer magazine *Which?*, published today, says poor results with colour prints may be attributable to the film processing, and paying higher prices will not necessarily make any difference.

Which? sent 300 indentically exposed Boots Colourprint and Kodacolor II films to 19 processing firms and assessed the returned prints for faults, sharpness, colour and cut-offs from the negative.

The magazine says: "Our tests results show what initially were identical scenes can lead to some startlingly different results."

Prices charged by the processing firms varied greatly, from 6p to 30p for a large print, and there was also "considerable variation" among the prints received.

"Poor results can be due to variations in colour balance – it is possible to eliminate the yellowish tone of a face taken in ordinary indoor lighting, but most laboratories did not do it," *Which?* says.

Cut-offs can be particularly galling. That vital part of a scene can be removed by the high-speed printing machines set to ensure that black edges are not left round a print.

The commonest fault was white specks on prints, which could be cause by dust or dirt in the laboratory or splashes from chemicals.

The survey lists 19 firms trading under a variety of names, one as many as nine. Special offers, it says, are not always what they seem and the fastest processors tend to be expensive, to give poor results, or both.

One of the speediest, the London-based Fotofast, which operates an "in by 10, out by 5" service, is criticized for faults with both 110mm and 35mm films. Cut-offs, sharpness and colour are also below par for the 35mm film, which accounts for about 85 per cent of its business.

Mr Tim Auw, Fotofast's marketing controller, told *The Times* that quality control suffered as the firm tried to keep its promise on days when the film load was heavier then normal.

He said: "We are trying to cater for a certain section of the photo-taking public, commuters, who are willing to entertain perhaps a slight drop in quality in exchange for speed."

Which? praised the Meuro group, which trades under names such as BonusPhoto, Bonusprint, Capitalfoto and Fast-a-Film. Meuro group processing is done at Grunwick in north London, scene of a bitter dispute over union recognition in 1977.

Kodak and the Snap 'n' Save firm were the only ones to get "best" marks in the faults category for 110mm film.

Kodak's spokesman said: "It is up to the customers, if they are mot happy, to go back to the lab and say so." *Which?* says free reprints are nearly always given without arguments.



The Prince and Princess of Wales listening to Jimmy Savile's speech yesterday.

Retrial for Britons amid claims of torture

By Richard Dowden

Three Britons who were convicted of drug smuggling in Peru last December after claiming that they signed false confessions because of torture, are being retried because the public prosecutor has demanded harsher sentences.

Peter Duffy from Macclesfield was sentenced to eight years and Philip Thorne and Hugh Quigley, both from Bristol, were sentenced to five years each for trying to smuggle cocaine.

Mr Duffy and Mr Quigley said they were hooded, kicked, beaten and held under water by the police when first arrested in November, 1980.

It is understood that the Peruvian public prosecutor wanted a 25-year sentence for Mr Duffy and ordered the retrial because he felt that police evidence had not been presented well enough.

A British observer at the trial described it as a mixture of Lewis Carroll and Franz Kafka. "The judge laughed when Duffy complained about the torture", he said.

The three have been in prison for nearly three years. Mr Thorne is now passing blood in his urine and has a severe skin infection. Mr Quigley fell and broke his left hand in June. It took him 17 days to get an X-ray examination, and he was told that if he wanted plaster, he would have to pay for it.

The three used what little money they had hiring lawyers for the first trial, but they say the lawyers never came to the court and they had to rely on others who did not meet them before the hearings. It is understood that Mr Duffy is being helped by his company.

The Foreign Office in London says that the Peruvian Minister of Justice had "refuted all the allegations" at a meeting with the British Ambassador on February 19 last year.

Car registration change studied

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Alternatives to the August car registration system are being considered by Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Transport.

He is understood to be concerned that BL, which is entirely dependent on the output of British factories, should be handicapped by a government-imposed model-year change. The present system appears to favour the importers.

Among the alternatives is a change to June, which is favoured by many car dealers; October which is supported by BL; or the scrapping of the present system, replacing it with the American and Swiss method of allocating licence plates to drivers instead of cars.

Supporters of the latter method argue that it removes the artificial distortion of the market resulting from the use of a letter identifying the year of manufacture.

Opponents insist, however, that it would result in lower sales over the year by removing any incentive to buy cars in a specific month.

Mr King's concern follows lobbying by BL executives, who insist that the August bonanza enables Continental manufacturers to switch to the production of right-hand drive models for Britain during June and July.

These are months when they would normally be introducing short-time working before the August holidays

BL would prefer October to give it two more months in which to build up stocks. It would also reduce the risk of short-time working at Longbridge and Cowley in September and October.

Hospital patients get royal surprise

The Prince of Wales took a surprise yesterday for patients and staff at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire: his wife. He had been expected alone to open the hospital's new spinal injuries centre.

Flag-waving crowds, who had waited for hours in the bright sunshine, cheered when the royal party arrived

The Prince explained: "The atmosphere and spirit here is quite extraordinary. I mentioned this to my wife and she thought what I had to say was interesting, so she said she would come along as well."

But Mr Jimmy Savile, who launched an appeal to raise £10m for the new unit, suspected an ulterior motive. "Only I know the real reason why the Princess is here, it's a complicated way to get a request played on Radio One", he joked.

His comment brought a giggle from the Princess, who looked cool in an ivory and grey silk two-piece with matching dove grey hat, bag, belt and shoes.

Mr Savile acted as host to the royal couple, who were accompanied by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services.

The unit has the most modern facilities for disabled people, including Jacuzzi baths and a push-button miniature colour television set for each patient in the intensive care ward.

Mr Savile's campaign raised £10m for the unit in three years. Building began two years ago yesterday.

He described Stoke Mandeville as "a hospital of perfection, built by the laughter and good times of the British public, British Industry and the British media".

The Prince agreed that it was a team effort. "What we see here is, more than anything, a tribute to a very large number of people", he said.

Receiving order on Sutcliffe

A receiving order was made at Bradford County Court yesterday against Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper. It was the first step towards making the killer of 13 women bankrupt.

The registrar, Mr David Garside, made the order after a hearing in private. It was requested by Mrs Irene MacDonald, whose daughter Jayne was murdered by Sutcliffe in 1977.

Mrs MacDonald, who was awarded £6,722 compensation, has not been paid by Sutcliffe. He also owes £19,000 to two women who survived his attacks. His only asset is a detached house in Garden Lane, Heaton, Bradford.

Sutcliffe, who is serving a life sentence, was not legally represented at the hearing but his wife Sonia attended.

Afterwards, Mrs MacDonald's solicitor, Mr William Tate, said the Official Receiver would deal with the estate. "We are now very optimistic that Mrs MacDonald will receive the money."

Rider charged

Harvey Smith, aged 44, the showjumper, of Craiglands Farm, Bingley, West Yorkshire, faced charges of drunken driving and failing to display matching headlamps at Selby Magistrates Court yesterday. The case was adjourned until September 14.

Argentine ban

Mr Alfred Lomas, Labour Member of the European Parliament for London Northeast, has been refused a visa to visit Argentina with a European delegation, which is investigating the disappearance of political prisoners. No explanation was given.

Pill ban appeal

Mrs Victoria Gillick, of Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, the mother of 10 children who lost her High Court battle to stop doctors prescribing the contraceptive pill to under-age girls, is to appeal against the ruling. She will again receive legal aid.

Drug man jailed

Ikhlag Mubarik, aged 44, from Lahore, Pakistan, was jailed for ten years and recommended for deportation yesterday when he was found guilty at Aylesbury Crown Court of smuggling heroin with a street value of £650,000 into Britain.

M1 speed purge

Northamptonshire police have charged nearly 700 drivers in a two-month period for allegedly exceeding 80 miles an hour on the M1. The police action follows a sharp increase in road deaths in the county.

Wine for 25m

The number of wine drinkers in Britain is expected to exceed 25 million for the first time this year. They will consume 350 million litres, according to figures published yesterday by Cinzano UK.

Poor programmes 'bar to cable boom'

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

There are not enough good quality television programmes for British cable operators to attract subscribers, according to a five nation study on satellite and cable television programming published today.

The study conducted by CIT Research of London into consumer attitudes to cable in Britain, West Germany, Belgium, France and The Netherlands, says that if European programme makers produce material that subscribers will buy, then a new industry worth between $4,000m and $5,000m (£2,660m and £3,330m) a year could be created by 1990.

The amount that people will pay for cable television still appears to be critical. "This is limited, initially to an average of less than the equivalent of $12 (£4) per household per month", the report says.

The most popular product which subscribers would pay for is feature films, followed by sport, documentaries, science, light entertainment, drama, music and news, the survey found.

The report also concludes: "There is widespread interest in a specialized news channel (40 to 50 per cent of viewers would watch) but few viewers would pay for such a service." Rather, they would expect it to be part of a package which would include popular entertainment.

Programme sponsorship, particularly of news, will be needed because of high production costs; channel sharing will also be necessary to reduce costs.

Britain is potentially one of the biggest markets for cable television. The Government is committed to its expansion and 60 per cent of British homes have more than one television. The average British viewer watches 22.7 hours a week, compared to France (14.3), Belgium (13.1), West Germany (12.5) and The Netherlands (12).

The Government has invited applications for 12 pilot franchises for multi-channel cable television networks in Britain probably carrying between 20 and 30 channels. Applications must reach the Home Office by the end of this month. Franchises are to be awarded in November.

Video recorder use in Britain 1983

Category of use	%
Recording while watching another channel	39
Recording while absent	30
Watching pre-recorded material (rented or bought)	22
Recording/watching at same time	9

Source: Communications and Information Technology (CIT) Research Ltd.

Dublin pilots held over moonlighting

Three Irish Air Corps pilots arrested at Dublin airport on Tuesday night face disciplinary charges and possible court martial for flying for a civilian airline without permission.

The were placed in "open service custody" – confined to barracks – after they landed at the airport while flying for an independent airline, Avair.

A fourth pilot, who had been working for Flightline, based at Prestwick, Scotland, reported to the police yesterday.

An Irish Army, spokesman said yesterday that a court martial was likely, probably on charges of being absent without leave. The air corps is a branch of the army.

The pilots had requested to leave the air corps so that they could take up more lucrative employment with civil airlines, but their request was rejected at a Cabinet meeting last week.

EEC blamed in dearer cakes warning

By Patricia Clough

Biscuits, cakes and other flour-based foods will become dearer as a result of the "crazy" EEC cereal system, Mr John Bradbury, president of the Cake and Biscuit Alliance, has predicted.

Last year, Britain had a surplus of home-grown wheat and prices were down to the EEC intervention level. But more than two million tons were exported, leaving a shortage, and now Britain is having to import dearer wheat, he said.

Mr Bradbury blamed the EEC's "too generous" export refunds, which induced farmers to export too much too soon.

The alliance was making representations to the EEC Commission and the European Parliament.

The price of home-grown wheat has increased from about £125 to £140 a ton

Judge defers decision on glue sale charges

From Our Correspondent, Edinburgh

A judge has reserved his decision on whether two Glasgow shopkeeper should go on trial accused of endangering lives by supplying young people with solvents and glue-sniffing kits.

Lord Avonside said at the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday, after hearing two days of preliminary legal debate into the relevancy of the charge, that he would take time to consider this "serious and difficult" case and give his decision in writing.

Counsel for two accused brothers, Khaliq Raja, aged 23, and Ahmed Raja, aged 28, maintained that the main charge disclosed no crime known to Scottish law. In Scotland there was no control over the supply of solvents and it was not contrary to the misuse of Drugs Act.

But Lord MacKay, Scotland's Lord Advocate, claimed the supply was for inhaling, which endangered health and life, and the brothers knew the solvents were for "sniffing".





US to step up food aid to Guatemala and El Salvador

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Guatemala and El Salvador, two of the United States' principal allies in Central America, are to receive extra food aid in a gesture designed to draw attention from deepening US military involvement in the region.

Mr John Block, US Agriculture Secretary, has been dispatched to the region on direct instructions from the White House in order to focus attention on the economic aspects of American policy in Central America.

Mr Block is currently visiting Guatemala, which is to get $50m (£33m) in food credit guarantees for the fiscal year beginning on October 1. He is also discussing prospect for modernizing food production in Guatemala and El Salvador.

El Salvador, in particular, has suffered severe disruption in its backward agricultural industry because of the civil war. Mr Block arrives there on Saturday and is expected to announce an extra $35m in direct food aid for the year beginning on October 1.

The Reagan Administration is clearly trying to redirect the public's perception of its Central America policy. The President and Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, briefed Congressional leaders in confidential discussions on Tuesday and ensured that all their words of optimism and calm were later relayed to the press through official information sources.

Mr Shultz was quoted as telling the Congressmen that "things are moving in a reasonably positive way." He has played hardly any public role in the Central America issue in recent weeks; it is clear that the principal players now are the President himself, Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, United States representative at the United Nations, and Mr William Clark, the National Security Adviser.

The Administration's public handling of the Central America issue has, it is widely agreed, been appalling and President Reagan's televised defence of his strategy merely added to national concern about military confrontation.

Even so, there is no intention of scaling down the military exercises now getting under way in and around Honduras. Indeed, it is likely that the number of military personnel who will be on the ground in Honduras later this year will total 5,000, compared with the original plan to send 4,000 men.

Warship questions Soviet vessel

Washington (Reuter) – A United States destroyer on exercises off Central America questioned the captain of a Soviet ship which President Reagan claimed was carrying arms to Nicaragua, Defence officials said here yesterday.

The Soviet cargo ship Aleksandr Ulyanov was not stopped or boarded and no shots were fired in the incident last weekend.

The officials said the guided missile destroyer Lynde McCormick met the soviet ship which was in international waters en route to the Nicaraguan port of Corinto. It asked the captain of the Ulyanov by radio to provide its nationality and destination.

Details were still sketchy, but the destroyer may also ahve asked the Ulyanov to identify its cargo.

The statements came after reports from the Nicaraguan capital, quoting crew members of the Soviet ship assaying it was interrogated by a US warship, indentified as the Lynde McCormick.

President Reagan told a news conference last week that the Ulyanov was carrying military helicopters and other military equipment to Nicaragua

Defence officials said the Ulyanov responded to the McCormick's queries and continued on its course.

The Lynde McCormick is one of an eight-ship battle group now on exercises in the Pacific off Central America.

A Nicaraguan port official said earlier this week that the Ulyanov was carrying medicine, tractors, construction equipment and consumer goods.

In Manague, ... members of Ulyanov confirmed the incident to reporters invited on board the ship. They said that the Ulyanov had been stopped 55 miles off the Nicaraguan coast by US destroyer.

● Moscow: Tass said that the US was ignoring international sea law off central America (AP reports).

It claimed that the United States planned to overthrow the Nicaraguan government by various means, including a blockade of the country. "The establishment of a blockade of Nicaragua... could not be viewed otherwise than an act of war," Tass said. "It is a question of not only an extremely dangerous aggressive action against Nicaragua... but also of a brazen challenge to the entire world community.



Mr Chad

Libya threatens to attack aircraft carrier

Beirut (Reuter) – Libya yesterday called in African ambassadors to protest about the presence of the United States Sixth Fleet near its coast and said it would attack the aircraft carrier Eisenhower if it entered the Gulf of Sirte.

According to Libya's official news agency Jana, it denied accusations by the Government in Ndjamena that its Air Force was bombing the Chad town of Faya-Largeau.

In a dispatch monitored here, the agency said Libya's Foreign Liaison Secretary (foreign minister), Mr Abdel-Ati Obeidi, informed the ambassadors of the Sixth Fleet's presence near Libya and "the open provocations they pose against the Libyan Arab people".

Mr Obeidi said Libya had called on the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to stop "flagrant US and French intervention" in Chad. He said Libya was against Internationalizing the conflict and in favour of "national reconciliation to be reached between the disputing Chadian factions".

The Unted States considers the gulf as international water and regularly sends naval patrols there.

● WASHINGTON: Two Navy F14 jet fighters from the Eisenhower had a head-on encounter with two Libyan MiG23s on Monday over the Gulf of Sirte, a Pentagon spokesman here said (Mohsin Ali writes).

The Libyan jets turned to avoid a collision, then descended and headed for home. No weapons were fired during the incident.

Washington sends Sri Lanka flour to relieve shortages

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

A 30,000 tonnes load of wheat flour is being shipped to Sri Lanka by the United States in response to a request for food.

The gift of flour represents about one-and-a-half months' supply according to the newly-appointed Commissioner General for Essential Services, Mr Bradman Weerakoon.

Mr Weerakoon said food stocks were being requisitioned from stores which had not reopened after the troubles. "Requisition meas that we take over the stocks on behalf of the person who is not available," he said, "and we pay him back when we find him."

He said that supplies of basic foodstuffs such as rice, dal and sugar were sufficient, though supplies of wheat flour and some imported foods were giving concern.

The Minister of State, Mr Ananda Tissa De Alwis, said that life in Sri Lanka has returned to normal. "Better than normal in some cases," he said, pointing out that the number of instances of arson and assault were much less than on a normal day.

Offers of help from countries other than the United States have also been received, the minister said, and they were being considered. A ship had been sent from India to assist in the transfer of refugees.

The ship also contained an elephant, a gift from the Indian Government intended for the famous Temple of the Tooth, in Kandy. It was regarded as a highly friendly act, as the election symbol of President J. R. Jayawardene's United National Party is an elephant.

More than 2,500 refugees have now embarked for the north of the island on three cargo ships. According the the minister of state, 30 per cent of refugees wish to be taken north. The figures for the total numbers of refugees were given as 64,000 in 16 camps in Colombo, and 15,000 in 11 camps outside the capital.

An airlift of refugees to the eastern province town of Batticaloa, which is also strongly Tamil, is being organized. Passengers are also being taken across country by train and lorry.

The Government is at pains to point out that there are no worries over security in connexion with the proposed meeting of Parliament today. "The security forces have the city under tight control," the official spokesman, Mr Douglas Liyanage, said. "We are confident that there will be no violence."

Campaign winds up in Nigeria

Lagos (Reuter) – Nigeria's six presidential candidates wound up their marathon seven-month campaigns yesterday with last-minute appeals for votes in the first civilian-run elections for nearly 20 years.

On the final day of a campaign that started in January, the candidates put most of their efforts into newspaper, television and radio advertisements ahead of a two-day break before Saturday's crucial election test.

Most of the dozen national newspapers carried full page advertisements, the majority asking for support for the two leading contenders, President Shehu Shagari of the National Party of Nigeria and Mr Obafemi Awolowo, of the Unity Party of Nigeria.

The Government-owned *Daily Times* devoted 15 of its 40 pages to political advertisements.

35 killed in armed attack on bus

Nairobi – Thirty-five passengers were shot dead and at least as many were injured when a crowded bus was attacked by armed men in the Luwero area, 60 miles north of Kampala (Charles Harrison writes).

A nurse who survived said the bus was forced to stop when its tyres were shot up, and passengers were robbed before the attackers opened fire indiscriminately.

Survivors said some of the attackers wore army uniforms while others were in civilian clothes. The area was until recently controlled by guerrillas of the National Resistance Army. Another bus escaped from an ambush with minor damage shortly before.

Reporter sent back to jail

Hamburg (AP) – Gerd Heidemann, the *Stern* reporter implicated in the Hitler diary hoax was back in jail again yesterday 24 hours after winning his release.

Prosecutors argued that he might try to flee the country or tamper with evidence, court officials said, and the court agreed.

Third heart

Cape Town (AFP) – An unamed 18-year-old youth who underwent a "piggy-back" heart operation two years ago has been given a third heart in the first operation of its kind in the world. He is the first person to live with two donor hearts.

Valdes decision

Santiago (Reuter) – Chile's military rulers said they would not pursue legal action against Señor Gabriel Valdes, the former Foreign Minister, jailed last month on charges of helping to publicize a day of anti-government protest.

Murder charge

Nairobi – Four Kenyans have appeared in court at Kiambu, near here, charged with murdering Mr Everard John Edward Smith, from Hornchurch, Essex, when a tourist minibus was attacked by an armed gang 30 miles from Nairobi in June. All four were remanded in custody. If convicted, they face mandatory death sentences.

King honoured

Washington (Reuter) – Martin Luther King, the civil rights leader, was honoured by the House of Representatives when it approved by 338 to 90 a Bill to establish a public holiday in his memory on the third Monday each January. The White House is opposed because it would cost the Government $210m (£140m) in lost working days.

Snakepit record

Bonn (AFP) – Jurgen Hergert, aged 41, who owns a snake farm, spent three months in a cage with assorted Cobras, Rattlesnakes, African Mambas, Asps and Vipers, emerging for only an hour a day to set a new world record.

Cease fire holds between rival PLO factions

From Kate Dourian, Beirut

An undeclared ceasefire between rival Palestinian factions in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa valley appeared to be holding yesterday, ending 12 days of fighting. The only incident reported yesterday was a brief exchange of artillery fire between rebel Palestinian guerrillas of the Fatah group and a Lebanese Army unit near Baalbeck. One Lebanese policeman was killed when a shell, presumably fired by the Fatah rebels, landed on a police station.

A Lebanese Army spokesman in Baalbek said that the Shaikh Abdullah barracks came under fire from supporters of Colonel Abu Mousa, the rebel leader, on Tuesday evening and that army artillery positions had responded, halting a guerrilla advance on a police station.

This was the first reported clash between the Palestinian guerrillas and the Lebanese Army. The fighting was reported to have died down after Lebanese officers established contact with the Syrian Army

Although the area is controlled by Syrian forces, the Lebanese Army has been allowed to retain a nominal presence but Lebanese soldiers are usually confined to barracks.

Shia Muslim "Islamic Amal" organization in Baalek issued an ultimatum to the Palestinian fighters to leave the city and close their offices there.

There was heavy fighting between supporters and opponents of the Palestine Liberation Organization, on Tuesday in the Bekaa valley. There was speculation thats the rebels had provoked the fighting in order to strengthen their bargaining position on the eve of a meeting of the Palestine Central Council, which was scheduled to be held yesterday in Tunis, at the PLO's provisional headquarters.

Two months to halt Gulf leak, Red Adair says

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The oil leaking from two Iranian offshore wells and polluting the Gulf at the rate of 5,000 barrels a day could take up to two months to be halted, according to Mr Red Adair, the Texan expert on dealing with oilfield accidents.

According to official sources within the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) Mr Red Adair has now flown over the damaged wellhead and the 300 mile slick.

He has told Opec officials that if he had been called in when the two wells were first damaged in the first week of March he could have capped them and stopped the flow in two days. Now it would take up to two months for the damaged wellheads to be closed.

The Bahrain officials in charge of monitoring the progress of the oil slick threatening Gulf states said that at present flow rates of two wells could spill oil into the Gulf for several years unless the Iranian Government gives the go-ahead for salvage teams to be brought in.

● TEHRAN: Iran claimed to have driven Iraqi troops out of Iranian territory and seized a swathe of Iraqi land in a four-day offensive on the central sector of the battlefront (Reuter reports). A military communiqué said more than 6,000 Iraqis had been killed or injured and more than 200 taken prisoner.

● BAGHDAD: Iraq said yesterday it would raze Iranian cities to the ground if Iran continued to shell Iraqi civilian targets (Reuter reports).

● ANKARA: Mr Tareq Aziz, Iraq's Foreign Minister, paid a surprise visit here yesterday, in what appeared to be an attempt to have Turkey mediate for an end to the three-year-old Gulf war (Rasit Gurdilek writes).

Mondale's million dollar grin

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington

Politics in America is an expensive business, and usually only the best moneymakers succeed. Mr Walter Mondale, therefore, has much to smile about.

In six months he has raised $5.1m (£3.4m) from the unions, from all manner of interested parties hoping one day to call in the debt and from families up and down the country who can claim a tax deduction for donations of up to $100 a year.

That is almost exactly double the amount raised by the other leading contender for the Democratic presidential nomination next summer, Mr John Glenn, the former astronaut.

Their lesser-known rivals are finding the system a huge financial burden. Mr Alan Cranston has borrowed $462,000 in the last three months and on June 30 his campaign fund was $300,000 in debt. He has raised a trifling £1.1m in contributions.

Mr Gary Hart is accumulating so much debt that questions are being asked about the viability of his campaign. He is negotiating for another $350,000 loan to finance a new fund-raising drive. He raised little more than $800,000 in the first half of the year. Such traditional political fare as direct mail appeals and benefit concerts are now on the cards.

Mr Reuben Askew is doing much better. The latest returns to the Federal Election Commission show his campaign fund to contain $433,000 with debts of little more than $12,000.



Thousands flee hill fires

Overcome by smoke: A fireman rescues a companion, one of eight men hurt as fires yesterday destroyed thousands of acres of forests in southern France.

Fires fanned by violent winds forced some 10,000 holidaymakers to evacuate camp sites in the Provence hills north of the Riviera. (Reuter reports). The fires began between the villages of Puget-sur-Agrgens and Bagnols-en-Foret and spread rapidly through pine forests towards the Gulf of St Tropez.

As winds up to 50 mph whipped up the flames, three separate fires broke out near Fréjus and a fourth blaze was centred on Coray-Le-Rouet in the west of the region.

US thwarts Arabs in UN vote

From Zoriana Pysariwsky
New York

The United States has again risen to Israel's defence in the United Nations Security Council with a veto on Tuesday that blocked the adoption of an Arab-drafted resolution seeking to confirm the illegality of the Israeli Government's settlements policy on the West Bank.

The vote was the culmination of a rancorous and ill-tempered four-day debate convened at the request of Arab nations.

After the vote the American representative, Mr. Charles Lichenstein, attempted to impress upon the Council that the veto should not be misconstrued as approval of the Israeli settlements policy. The United States, however, thought impractical the call for the dismantling of existing settlements.

Voting in favour of the draft resolution were: Britain, China, France, Guyana, Jordan, Malta, The Netherlands, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Poland, Soviet Union, Togo, Zimbabwe. Voting against: United States. Abstaining: Zaire.

Shot envoy is slowly recovering

Exactly 14 months after the gun attack which left him partially paralysed and suffering from serious head wounds, Mr Shlomo Argov, the former Israeli Ambassador to London (below), continues to make slow progress towards recovery in Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital. (Christopher Walker writes).

A recent report on his condition said that he was able to go home at weekends and keep up with current events by watching television, although he is understood to be still some way from regaining his full intellectual capabilities. Despite his injuries, Mr Argov is able to talk. His recent controversial attack on the war in Lebanon – a conflict prompted by his own attempted assassination – was dictated verbally to a friend from his bedside.

Photograph of new ambassador, page 10

MPs protest at motion to unseat Nkomo

From Stephen Taylor
Harare

Debate on a Zimbabwe government motion to have Mr Joshua Nkomo's parliamentary seat declared vacant was adjorned yesterday amid accusations by his Patriotic Front party that the Government was avoiding a vote because it had insufficient MPs present to carry the motion.

The motion, to deprive the exiled Patriotic Front leader of his seat on the ground that he has been absent for 21 consecutive days of Parliament, required the approval of more than 50 MPs of the 100-seat House of Assembly. During the debate there were no more than 40 MPs on the government benches.

Israeli test for McFarlane's mission

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

The diplomatic difficulties facing Mr Robert McFarlane, President Reagan's new Middle East envoy, on his first visit to the region were demonstrated here yesterday during his opening talks with senior Israeli ministers. He will meet Mr Menachem Begin, the Prime Minister, this morning.

The importance of the latest US mission to secure the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon, was also emphasized by events away from the negotiating table. One of these was the funeral of a young Israeli Army captain, who had died from wounds received on Tuesday when the Syrians opened fire on an Israeli position in eastern Lebanon.

During the day, a further six Israeli soldiers were jailed for refusing to serve in Lebanon, one for the fourth time since the war began in June, 1982, and another for the second time.

During the talks, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Foreign Minister, flatly rejected a demand presented by Mr McFarlane on behalf of President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon, seeking a written commitment that the imminent redeployment of Israeli troops was part of a total pull-back from his country.

On another point of disagreement, Mr Shamir was informed by the American envoy that the Lebanese Government was not prepared at present to ratify formally the agreement with Israel signed on May 17.





Uruguay bans all political activities and censors press

From Andrew Thompson, Buenos Aires

The Uruguayan military Government has banned all political activity and established harsh censorship of the press. The announcement was made by General Hugo Linares Brum, the Interior Minister, on Tuesday night after a series of meetings of senior military officers over five days.

General Linares Brum said that the Government remained committed to calling general elections in November, 1984, and was prepared to continue talks with the three permitted political parties on the nature of a new constitution. But it was made clear that any talks would be private and the Government would no longer tolerate any public campaigning.

At the same time he announced the introduction of Institutional Act Number 14, which allows the regime to ban all political activity for up to two years, as well as to establish individual bans on politicians "who by their conduct, actions, or omissions disturb the peace and public order".

Sources in Montevideo said that the new hard line was paradoxically a victory for the so-called "moderate" wing of the armed forces.

General Gregorio Alvarez, the President, and other officers, had wanted to go much further, cancelling the elections and imposing an "official" political party. In contrast, General Linares Brum and General Boscin, Hontou, the Army commander, imposed their policy of tightening controls on the parties, while maintaining the promised elections.

Relations between the permitted Opposition parties and the Government have been deteriorating rapidly since July 5, when negotiations on constitutional amendments sought by the armed forces reached deadlock. The politicians reject what they regard as "anti-democratic" constitutional changes

After the break in the constitutional dialogue, the Government announced it would impose a new constitution without consultation.

The hardening military line is in part a response to the political parties' increasing willingness to denounce human rights violations. Last week, for the first time in many years, two opposition weeklies, *Opinar* and *Correo de Los Viernes*, which reflect the thinking of sectors of the Colorado Party, published information on the torture of political dissidents.

The information was provided by the Uruguayan branch of the Peace and Justice Service, led in Latin America by Señor Adolfo Perez Esquivel, the Argentine Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Reagan task force to report on US hunger

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

President Reagan has ordered a task force on hunger to be set up and given 90 days to produce a "no-holds-barred" report on the causes of hunger in the United States.

The President said in a statement on Tuesday: "I am deeply concerned about the extent to which we have a problem that should not exist in this great and wealthy country."

He added that America was "literally the breadbasket of the world. Yet, I have seen reports in the press in past weeks of Americans going hungry."

Mr Reagan observed that he was preplexed by reports of widespread hunger because of the large amount of money the Government spent on food programmes.

"If the food assistance programmes are being mismanaged, I want to know that. If certain aspects of our food assistance programmes require more funding, I want to know that too," he said.

One White House aide was reported to have said privately that the President's announcement was part of a campaign to counteract allegations that his policies were unfair to the poor.

President Reagan has been sharply criticized for his efforts to limit eligibility for food stamps. His 1984 fiscal year budget proposal calls for a cut in federal spending on food and nutrition programmes



Suffer little children: A child on holiday in Rome gets a kiss from the Pope after squeezing through the crowd in St Peter's Square yesterday.

Frontline ban on reporters modified

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg

The southern African "frontline" states are to draw up a list of South African-based foreign correspondents they like and do not like, according to a senior Zimbabwean official.

Those whose reporting has not been appreciated in the past will be barred, but others who have caused no offence will be treated as exceptions and allowed to cover news events in these countries.

Mr Justin Nyoka, director of information in Zimbabwe, has made this clear to a delegation representing the Foreign Correspondents' Association of Southern Africa (FCA) which returned to Johannesburg yesterday from Harare.

The FCA, whose members represent 53 news organizations covering South Africa as well as the frontline states – Angola, Mozambique, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Tanzania – sent delegates to Harare where the ban was announced to seek official clarification.

Frontline information ministers and officials had accused the South African-based correspondents of giving credibility in reports to the official South African view of "the reality in our countries".

It is clear that Zimbabwe, which has already expelled a South African-based BBC Television news team, had been the instigator of the action.

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Prime Minister gives evidence

Hawke says envoy was a KGB agent

From Tony Duboudin
Melbourne

Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, told the Hope Royal Commission yesterday that the Australian Security Intelligence Organization (ASIO) had told him that Mr Valery Ivanov, the expelled Soviet diplomat, was using a "classic KGB ploy" to establish Mr David Combe, a former federal secretary of the Labour Party and a Canberra lobbyist, as an agent.

Mr Hawke, the first Australian Prime Minister to appear before a Royal Commission, *said that he had* concluded from an ASIO briefing that Australian security was facing a serious risk.

He also told the Commission that he had personally telephoned Mr Richard Farmer and Mr Bill Butler, two Canberra businessmen, and advised them not to enter into a business relationship with Mr Combe, although he did not tell them why.

Mr Hawke, who spent the entire day in the witness box, said that if the relationship between Mr Combe and Mr Ivanov had developed further, Mr Combe would have been so compromised that his position "would have been irretrievable".

The Hope Commission was set up after the expulsion of Mr Ivanov on April 22 to inquire into Australia's security services and was later widened to take in the relationship between Mr Ivanov and Mr Combe.



Mr Hawke: The first Australian Prime Minister to face a royal commission.

Mr Hawke told the commission that there was no doubt on ASIO's behalf that Mr Ivanov was a KGB agent and "what they thought has proved positive".

He added that Mr Harvey Barnett, the head of ASIO had called him one day in April and asked to discuss the security matter involving Mr Ivanov.

"He indicated that there was a severe problem with national security which involved Mr Ivanov, the First Secretary at the Soviet Embassy.

Mr Barnett had also told him that ASIO was concerned that Mr Ivanov had cultivated contacts at both the Indonesian and the Mauritian embassies in Canberra.

The Prime Minister will resume giving evidence today, but in camera.

Malaysia restricts powers of King

From M G G Pillai, Kuala Lumpur

The Malaysian Government is pushing through the current session of Parliament important constitutional amendments that restrict the powers of the King and abolish appeals to the Privy Council. They also raise the number of parliamentary seats by 22 to 176, and set out how and when a convicted Member of Parliament can lose his seat.

With the Government controlling 136 of the present House of 154, the amendments will easily be passed. But they could fuel a growing conflict between the nine rulers and the federal authorities. One amendment takes away the King's persuasive power to delay the signing of Bills into law, and another allows the Prime Minister to declare a state of emergency without reference to the King.

One peculiarity in the Malaysian democratic system is that the nine rulers have given themselves more powers than provided for under the constitution. Neither the states nor the central Government were willing to confront the rulers directly over this, and it led to direct conflicts between the rulers and their chief ministers and, indirectly, with the central Government.

In the past, the King of the day has also delayed legislation, in one case for five yers, and the move appears to have come about after specific problems in the states involving two sultans. The Sultans of Pahang and Perak withheld their assent for more than 12 months, even on money Bills, in an attempt to remove their Chief Ministers.

The amendments do not affect the rulers who derive their powers from state constitutions. But if the past is any guide, similar amendments would be tabled later in the respective state assemblies. Informed sources said the amendments were aimed at preserving the institution of monarchy.

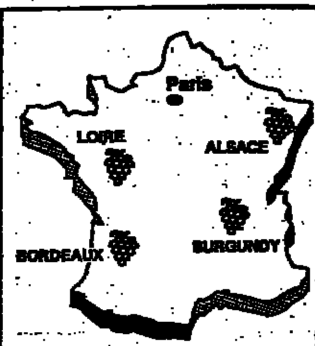
The Malaysian constitution is more detailed than many others and consequential amendments were often necessary before laws could be introduced or streamlined. Since independence in 1957, there have been more than 1,000 amendments.

The abolition of Privy Council appeals refers to civil cases only, since criminal appeals to that body in London were abolished nine years ago. A consequential law gives the Attorney-General considerable powers to regulate unilaterally the legal profession, which until now he shared with the Bar Council.

Champagne region escapes

French wines weather damaging hailstorms

In the first of four articles on how the unusual weather is affecting prospects for Europe's wine harvest, ROGER BEARDWOOD reports from Paris on this year's French wines.



French viticulteurs are expecting a bountiful year in spite of hailstorms a fortnight ago which badly damaged some vineyards in the Burgundy, Bordeaux, Loire and Alsace regions. In other parts of France, the harvest has been damaged little and the Champagne region has escaped entirely. Even in the areas hit by hail, producers say, rumour has greatly exaggerated the damage. Since the hailstorms, the weather has been kind to the vines: mostly warm and sunny, broken by showers. But with the *vendage* till some weeks away, the worry is that the weather will break at the last moment. A sampling of the regions:

Burgundy: Hail hit many of the most famous of the *grands crus*, Vosne-Romanée; Romanée-Conti, Musigny, Romanée and Echevaus-Musigny. But the damage was limited to very small parcels of land generally affecting between 50 and 70 per cent of the grapes, though in a few places 90 to 95 per cent. "But that is not as tragic as one might think," says M Jean-Michel Dubois, of the Institut National des Appellations d'Origine pour les Vins et Eaux de Vie (INAO). "Prices are very elastic and wines are often bought for the sheer snobbery," he says. For the *grands crus*, prices average 250 francs (£20) a bottle. If production falls by half – as forecast at present – prices could double.

But since most of these famous wines are exported to the United States, the rise of the dollar against the franc will cushion the blow for American winebibbers.

Bordeaux. Between 2,000 and 2,500 hectares have been hit by hail, out of a total of 75,000 hectares. In some vineyards half the crop has been destroyed; in others, about a tenth. "Of course", a spokesman for the Bordeaux wine producers committee said, "It was a tragedy for the producer whose wine is not at the top of the list and cannot raise his price to compensate for a smaller output. But in the whole picture of Bordeaux wines, the damage is just a drop in the ocean." Last year, Bordeaux produced a record 4.3 million hectolitres.

Loire Only the Muscadet was damaged by hail – and then only 300 hectares out of 10,000. The proportion of grapes destroyed ranged from 10 to 36 per cent. The INAO said total production in the Loir should be only just below last year's record of 2.4 million hectolitres.

Alsace. About 1,000 hectares out of the total of between 10,000 and 12,000 hectares in the lower part of Colmar were stripped by hail, which destroyed up to half the crop. Alsace as a whole expects a very good year, with output probably above normal.

Last year, France produced 19 million hectolitres of wines classified as Appellation D'Origine Contrlée. Some is still unsold. This year, production is estimated by the INAO at 16.8 million hectolitres. That figure could rise if the good weather continues and repairs some of the damage in vineyards struck by hail.

Tomorrow: Italy

Superstar of India

An interviewer recently asked Mother Teresa if she would have taken Galileo's side or the Church's in that momentous medieval astronomical controversy had she been around at the time? The possible claimant for eventual canonization smiled and, without batting an eyelid, said: "The Church."

Some of her views, or for that matter her organization's, would certainly make democrats squirm. But she is also among the last of the great missionary superstars. As Father S. M. Dias, deputy secretary general of the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of India, pointed out: "The focus is no longer on individuals. In fact we actively discourage it and emphasize teamwork. Now people are sent for a few years, do excellent work, and are replaced by others.

"Mother Teresa's case is different. She was the founder of a successful movement, the spotlight was focused on her, and she became a phenomenon. But now all the work is being done by subordinate sisters of the Missionaries of Charity. She is travelling so much of the time."

Mother Teresa is undoubtedly a phenomenon. The organization she started on her own in a Calcutta slum, despite considerable hostility from the local Roman Catholic Church, has, 35 years later, blossomed into a "missionary multinational", operating in 52 countries. Today, it has 2,000 Sisters and 400 Brothers in 227 bases, struggling in the slums of 160 cities around the world.

The Missionaries of Charity run 140 slum schools and feed nearly 50,000 people daily at 304 centres; 70 homes look after 4,000 children, arranging for 1,000 adoptions each year; 81 homes for dying destitutes admitted 13,000 people last year; 12,000 poor women were taught to earn their living; and an astronomical 6,000,000 sick people were treated by 670 mobile clinics.

If there is any single reason for this enviable growth, it is undoubtedly the shining example Mother Teresa and her close associates have set day after day for decades in Calcutta's worst slums. Mother Teresa is neither particularly educated nor intelligent, and some of her statements make one wince. But her faith, single-mindedness, grit and stamina have moved mountains.

The other factor could be the Order's vow of poverty. Mother Teresa sleeps on the floor of her tiny room surrounded by files and religious books, her only reading material. Overheads at all the institutions do not exceed 2 per cent of total expenditure. Each sister has two sets of clothes, and the food per head works out at roughly £4 a month – just enough to keep them going 14 hours a day. With that kind of example, few people remain unimpressed.

On the other hand, the organization can hardly be called democratic. Under the order's vow of obedience, no member can venture out without the Sister Superior's approval, receive private mail, entertain private guests, watch films, read books other than related work, or call each other by a pet name lest that reduce affection for Jesus. When anyone leaves the premises, arrival and departure times are meticulously noted. No personal time is permitted. Failure to abide by these regulations can lead to expulsion.

Sitara Chawla



The Times profile: Mother Teresa of Calcutta

But Mother Teresa's dedication moves both the powerful and the poor to tears. India's late premier Jawaharlal Nehru, inaugurating her first children's home in Delhi back in 1961, said in a choked voice: "Believe me, Mother, we need you just as the poor do." American Senator Edward Kennedy, who saw her work in Calcutta during the 1971 Bangladesh war, wept in public. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, presenting her with the Nehru Award for International Understanding in November, 1972, blinked back tears during a speech in which she said Mother Teresa had "touched the chords of our heart. . . . In honouring Mother Teresa we are honouring the spirit of mercy". Even street toughs, who initially threw stones and wolf whistled, later returned to help.

Pope John Paul II has recently described the Missionaries of Charity as the most precious institution the Roman Catholic Church has espoused in recent times. Today Mother Teresa is feted by rulers and heads of state whom she regularly meets in her now never-ending travels by complimentary air ticket. She has received 43 national and international awards, including the Nobel Prize for Peace.

In Calcutta, she is an institution. Her pictures compete with Hindu gods on calendars.

Ministers, captains of industry and other prominent people wait patiently for hours at Mother House, her international headquarters, to see her. Overwhelmingly Hindu, they come to offer any support to what is very clearly a Christian movement. As a result, 30 million dollars worth of aid is distributed through her organization each year.

Mother Teresa is explicit about her religion. "I can't bear the pain when people call me a social worker", she said. "My life is devoted to Christ; it is for him that I breathe and see. Had I been a social worker I'd have left it long ago". Many years ago she told Malcolm Muggeridge: "All the time we are touching Christ's body in the poor. In the poor it is the hungry Christ that we are feeding, it is the naked Christ that we are clothing, it is the homeless Christ that we are giving shelter. He said 'I thirst'. In the poor we are quenching his thirst."

The Albanian shopkeeper's daughter from Southern Yugoslavia has come a long and difficult way, and it shows on her gnarled hands, furrowed face and stooped back. Born Agnes Gionxha Bejaxhiu in 1910, her father Nicholas wanted her to marry and settle down. But she had a club foot, and by the age of 12 was very religious.

At 18, with her parents' permission, she became a Loreto nun in Ireland. A year later, in late 1929, she was sent to teach at the order's elitist Loreto School in Calcutta. By the time the Second World War started, sister Agnes as she was known had become mistress of its Bengali section.

Though it seems hard to believe, Calcutta 50 years ago was a beautiful city of palaces. But the man-made Bengal famine of the 1940s sounded its death knell. Five million people died, and hundreds of thousands of starving villagers invaded the city.

Between classes' Sister Agnes would carry clothes and medicine for the children and nurse the sick in the slum adjoining her school. September 10, 1946, was the day she says she heard God's call to leave the convent and help the poor. But it wasn't easy.

First there was a four-year fight with the local Roman Catholic establishment. Archbishop Ferdinand Periers simply kept her proposal hanging fire. "I know this woman as a novice," he observed. "She could not light a candle in the chapel properly, and you expect her to start a congregation?" His real fear was the repercussions in the convent. Sister Agnes was promptly despatched to Asansol, a small town, to look after the kitchen at the small Loreto school there.

Fortunately for her, her mother superior in Dublin and the Pope with whom she was in direct contact agreed with her proposal. In 1948 she was released from the Loreto Order. An official circular at the time to all Loreto schools in Bengal barely hid the hostility. "Sister Agnes has left the convent. Do not speak about it. Do not criticize. Do not praise it. Pray".

Sister Agnes, who took the name Teresa after the 24-year-old French St Thérèse of the Child Jesus who died in 1897, shifted to a small room in the Little Sisters of the Poor's old age home, insolvent and alone.

It took six months after she left the Loreto convent to get her first helpers Subhashini Das, a former student who today is the second most important functionary in the Missionaries of Charity.

Mother Teresa has grown to love the city and its inhabitants. "Calcutta is not ugly at all," she said recently. "Calcutta has its warmth that you won't find in any other city, not only in India but everywhere. I have worked in Paris. I have worked in Los Angeles. But the poorest of the poor in Calcutta have more dignity than those in any of those affluent cities."

In October 1950 she finally received permission from Rome to start a new congregation. The constitution was consecrated by the Pope and the legend began.

Mother Teresa's day begins at 4am. Mass is at six. From 8am to 11am she visits her Calcutta homes in a station wagon – carrying gifts for inmates, talking to the sisters, and often helping with work. Then it is back to her headquarters where hordes of visitors await her. Lunch is spartan, and then the office work begins. After the 6pm Mass, she goes on another round of her homes, then has dinner. While the rest of the community sleeps, she catches up with correspondence. She has three hours sleep a night.

Many of Calcutta's destitute consider Mother Teresa to be God. But given the magnitude of the problem the impact of her work, though valuable, is limited. And she is aware of that. "My work is a drop in the ocean," she concedes. "But if that drop weren't there, the ocean would have one drop less."

Arun Chacko

● *Mother Teresa has just resumed her travels after treatment at Rome's Salvator Mundi Clinic for a heart condition following a fall.*

FINDINGS

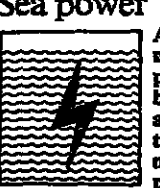
A series reporting on research: JAPAN

Gallons of tree-star

Japan, which is acutely self-conscious about its lack of energy resources, is applying its much acclaimed technical brilliance to developing a process to convert trees into oil. So successful have the experiments been, that the oil – a kind of turpentine – is able to drive a light farming truck with the same efficiency as petrol. Also the exhaust gases, are pleasant smelling, giving off a 'wood' odour.

To Japan, the technique could be little short of a miracle. Nearly 70 per cent of the land is covered in forest. The technique used to produce the oil has stunned the Japanese in its simplicity. Leaves and small pieces are shredded and boiled in a vat. After cooling and purifying, the resultant oil is potent and ready for use.

Sea power



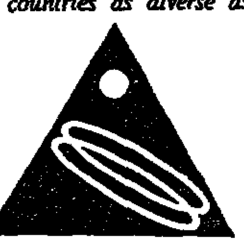
Another novel approach being adopted by the Japanese in their pursuit of alternative energy sources is to generate electricity by using the differences in temperature that exist at various levels in sea water. The system consists of an evaporator, a turbine and generator. The process uses a technique similar to that in refrigerators. A liquid which can be vapourized at low temperature is placed in the evaporator. The gas which results rotates the turbine blades, which subsequently turn the generator that powers the electricity. After release from the turbine, the gas is cooled by the deeper water and the cycle starts again.

The plant uses this innovation in parallel with diesel generators and is expected to produce 50 KW.

Fair Pavilions

Preparations for Japan's international science and technology exhibition, to be held in 1985 at Tsukuba, are at an advanced stage. The exhibition, which will run between March and September, will be used as a forum to show Japanese research and technology to the world.

The Japanese intend it to be spectacular. Their organizing committee has visited 18 countries as diverse as



The Expo '85 symbol

The Philippines, Romania, Czechoslovakia, the United States, France, Germany, Italy and Britain to urge participation. The complex, which will cover 102 hectacres and is expected to cater to over 20 million visitors will have a Theme Pavilion, a History Pavilion, an Expo Centre and a science Playland.

The Theme Pavilion is to give a perspective of the future of science and technology, while the History Pavilion will show how Japan has adopted western science and technology and assimilated them into oriental learning. The Expo Centre is to have the most advanced electronic image projection equipment and is to be used to show how research and development is being undertaken in Japan. The different research work being conducted in the adjacent Tsukuba Science City will be exhibited at the centre.

New lines



The television set is commanding much attention from the scientists of the Japanese electronics giant Matsushita Electric. One of the principal research projects is the 1125 line television – as opposed to the 525 used in Japan and America or the 625 used in Britain – which can be projected on to screens as large as 8.5ft by 11ft.

Further research is being made on 3-D television and on one called a "Stylesetter". According to Matsushita researchers, the television "shows how you'll look in a different hairstyle or with a moustache".

Abundant

A Japanese designer of an automatic bun machine is having substantial success at home and in the overseas markets. The machines designed by Torahiko Hayashi, president of Rheon Automatic Machinery, are being used all over the world.

The research into the machine design began to bear fuit in the early 1960s when Hayashi made equipment that produced large

Bean jam
Dough
Wrapping screw

quantities of manju buns – dough surrounding bean jam – at almost 50,000 an hour. Conventional methods produced them at the rate of a few hundred. So successful was the design, that confectioners wouldn't buy it until it was slowed down.

The jam is forced into the inner sleeve of a cylinder and the dough into the outer one. Emerging from this process are twin cylinders of jam and dough to round into buns.

CORRECTION

The ferry Scillonian III, plying between Penzance and the Isles of Scilly, is equipped with a keel, modern stabilizing system, and ballast tanks and is not a flat-bottomed vessel, as stated in an article (July 22) on the Scillies helicopter crash.

moreover... Miles Kington

Taken for a ride

Is that scruffy figure at the motorway entrance a fascinating companion for a ride or a threat to your life? Some points from your letters.

From the Bishop of Outer Manchester
Sir, I have only twice in my life picked up a hitch-hiker. The first time was as a theological student 35 years ago when I gave a lift to a young man on the A1. I was rather nervous as I had some valuable church silver on the back seat. On the other hand, I felt it was my duty as a Christian.

I am afraid to say that on a lonely stretch of road the youth pulled a knife on me and forced me to get out. He took my vintage Austin car, leaving only the silver which he thought was my luggage. Since then I have never picked up another hitch-hiker until last Thursday when I decided that my fear had gone on long enough and I gave a lift to a very respectable-looking middle-aged man travelling to Leeds.

Imagine my amazement when, during our conversation, he suddenly said: "That Austin of yours had a really clapped-out gearbox." It was the same man again! Before we got to Leeds he pulled a gun on me and took my new Audi. Luckily, he let me keep my suitcase, which contained several million pounds in aid for the Third World.

From Mr J. Plugg
Sir, One of the most notorious tricks of hitch-hikers is to put an attractive girl by the side of the road. When an unware driver stops, four or five men jump out from behind the hedge and get in too. For this reason I never pick up girls. Last week stopped to give a lift to a scruffy bearded student and six ravishing blondes jumped out from the trees. I drove on immediately, conscious of my narrow escape.

From Viv, Debby, Rhoda, Sharon etc
Sir, We are six ravishing blondes who do a lot of travelling up and down the A4 as we are a dance troupe. Will the motorist who gave a lift to our choreographer please return him at once. Thanks.

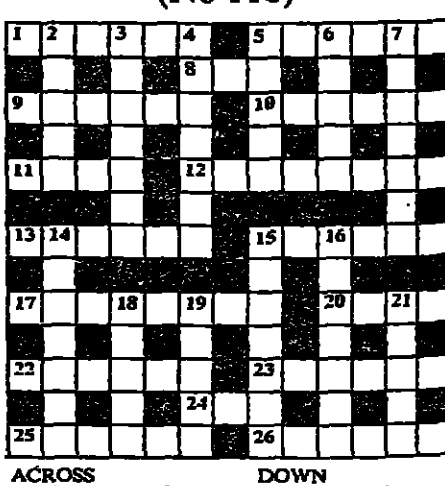
From Lord Sprocket
Sir, I am the last surviving remnant of a family which has lived in Rutland for 400 years. Driven by loneliness I gave a lift to a young hitchhiker last month and upon chatting to him discovered that he was the grandson of my great-uncle Harry who emigrated to Australia and was thus my sole heir! Who says that giving lifts to people cannot pay off? Later in the journey he pulled a gun on me and relieved me of my brand new BMW. If he should read this letter, I would like him to know that I have disinherited him.

From J. Wentworth-Chestnut
Sir, the first time I gave a lift to a hitch-hiker I was so nervous about being assaulted that I kept a knife handy about my person. Sure enough, he suddenly made a threatening gesture but, being prepared, I was able to overpower him. It then transpired that he was not threatening me at all, simply reaching for his cigarettes. But as I had overpowered him I felt I had to go through with it and proceeded to rob him of his worldly possessions. I now regularly pick up and rob any hitch-hiker I can find. Not only does it give me a useful income, it gives me a chance to meet people of all walks of life.

From Sir Dougal Chambers
Sir, as the head of a large corporation I never give lifts to hitch-hikers, and I leave the driving to my chauffeur Harry. Unfortunately, Harry has a predilection for giving lifts to people, and earlier this week I found myself in my own car with six dancers, a bishop who had had his car stolen, and a young man who had had everything stolen by a kindly driver. In future I have decided to travel by train, where at least you can have some privacy.

Tomorrow
The Times Guide to the World Athletics Championships

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 118)



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1 Condiment (6)
5 United (6)
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9 Reddish-brown (6)
10 Ingest (6)
11 Miserly (4)
12 Reproduction (8)
13 Brought bad luck (6)
15 Street entertainer (6)
17 Timesaver (8)
20 Pakistan language (4)
22 Incongruous (6)
23 Business place (6)
24 Infinite period (3)
25 Engraver (6)
26 Confectionery (6)

DOWN
2 Develop (5)
3 Legendary bird (7)
4 Unopened flower (7)
5 Burning (5)
6 Clear (5)
7 Stretch (7)
14 Restrain (7)
15 Garment fasteners (7)
16 Breathe noisily (7)
18 Uneven (5)
19 Apple drink (5)
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BOOKS

Anthony Quinton on the changeless face of the MP

Rogues, lawyers and duellists

The House of Commons, 1660-1690

Edited by Basil Duke Henning
(Secker & Warburg, £110, 3-volume set)

The House of Commons 1660-1690 is the fifth chunk of the massive prosopographical undertaking, the *History of Parliament* that has been set on foot in pursuance of Sir Lewis Namier's conviction that the way to understand political history is through the personalities and interests of individual people in leading positions, and not through the flawed lenses of social abstractions such as classes or parties, let alone "schools of thought". The four previous instalments have dealt with the Tudors from Henry VIII to the death of Elizabeth and with the Hanoverians from George I down to 1790 and George III's first bout of madness. Much more is promised, everything back to 1386 (very near half-time in the reign of Richard II) and down to 1832. For unstated reasons no provision has yet been made for the great bulk of the fifteenth century or for the period from Charles I's dispensing with Parliament in 1629 to the restoration of his son in 1660. Nor, it seems, is the story to be pressed back to Simon de Montfort and the Model Parliament of 1265.

In the meanwhile there is plenty to be going on with in the period from 1660 to 1690. It includes the longish and colourfully disgraceful reign of Charles II, the four years needed to nerve his exasperated subjects, despite unhappy recollections of the 1640s, to get rid of his silly brother, and the Convention Parliament of 1689 which installed that sound Protestant couple, William and Mary, in the constitutionally unprecedented role of joint monarchs.

The work's 2,343 pages are divided into three unequal sections. A hundred or so pages are given to preliminaries, most importantly an account of the members of the house in general terms of age, wealth, education, social status and so on and, following that, of their degrees and kinds of political activity. The next four hundred pages cover the constituencies, listing their members and describing the main local influences and the way they operated in the seven elections of the period. From then on it is all a marvellously detailed who's who, emphasizing the parliamentary life of the two thousand odd men treated, to slightly odd effect in such special cases as Newton and Christopher Wren, but there and elsewhere not to the exclusion of often exceedingly enjoyable non-parliamentary matter.

The work has been edited by Basil Duke Henning, who took over in 1962 when still a professor at Yale and has carried on with it since 1978 and retirement to London. In relation to the amazing detective work involved he is, one might say, the Philip Marlowe. Like that great investigator he relies much on others, most notably Leonard Naylor, who not only wrote 150 of the two thousand-odd biographies but also indentified the subjects of most of them and supplied outlines to guide the final authors in each case. This remarkable inquirer is to Henning's Marlowe as are the latter's friends in press-rooms and police record departments who come up, in memory of old favours, with the real names of the rising film star in trouble or the driver of the getaway car in the Sunny Moe Stein killing.

It is possible to detect a note of quiet pride in the statement: "only one member – John Tufton – has defied indentification". Men with less to be proud of would have said "eluded". Ninety-seven per cent of the subjects have been supplied with pretty well-evidenced birth-dates. Despite the facts that he was Scotch and biased, Bishop Burnet is commended for his penetrating accounts of the characters of the Two Thousand.

As a group they were younger than modern MPs, half of them being between 30 and 50, only a third of them over 50. Even at the end of the Cavalier Parliament, dissolved after seventeen and a half years in 1679, on the edge of the Exclusion crisis, only half the MPs were over 50. Monck's worthless son Christopher was elected at the age of 13 and made a speech before he was 15. No doubt he sounded like a maiden. Only one MP died of the plague; at least two succumbed to syphilis. Of the 46 known to have died violently four were executed, four were killed in brawls and six in duels. One duellist who comes out well is the atheist Thomas Wharton who lost a duel to someone who was after the same woman as he was and who "gave him both his life and his mistress too, since he had the courage to fight for her". His biographer goes on: "He was never again worsted in a duel, always disarming his opponents without serious injury. He boasted that he never gave and never refused a challenge".

By no means all were as gallant and Stevensonian as that. An MP, called, I regret to say, Philip Howard, "after separation from his wife, a wealthy widow who had tricked him over his jointure, ... hired a couple of ruffians who beat two of her servants to death". At least three MPs abducted juvenile heiresses: one of them in effect buying the 14-year-old heiress to the Percy estates and getting murdered as a result. One of the no less than four MPs called Edward Montagu made a pass at Queen Catherine of Braganza, who mentioned it, as well she might, to Charles II. But Montagu only lost his place at Court.

The social character of the Restoration MPs is unsurprising. Thirty per cent were at Oxford, eighteen per cent at Cambridge. Quite a few went to Leyden. 273 went to some sort of Grand Tour. Three quarters of them were country gentlemen; half of them being country gentlemen and nothing else. Less than half attended one of the Inns of Court. Of the unusually large number of lawyers in the Convention Parliament the editor finely says, "this is a phenomenon which has defied explanation". Marvell and Waller were the best of the poets. Another poet, John Denham, I have to admit, went mad with tertiary syphilis and, aged fifty, murdered his newish adolescent wife.

One in ten was a peer's son, another three in ten were the sons of baronets or knights. Only four per cent were of "humble" origin. Of the few naval men one was Sir Richard Haddock, possibly an ancestor of Tintin's nautical friend. No less than 85 per cent were JPs. Sir Gervase Clifton, the Tommy Manville of late seventeenth century British politics, married seven times (and he was not the single MP who managed to get a divorce). Stephen Fox, having had ten children by his first wife, remarried at 76 and then sired two sons and two daughters.

Much of what is best known to the naive historian is little evident in this work: the Plague, the Fire, the Dutch Wars, Titus Oates, the policies of Louis XIV. MPs seem preoccupied with place, if they are on the government side, with religious or constitutional matters when in opposition. Here, at any rate, is a magnificent accumulation of material for serious historians to work from. They and others may also enjoy a persistent vigour and elegance of style. This comment on a parliamentary rotter is typical: "Other Members enjoyed the favours of their colleagues' wives but they did so more discreetly and did not compound the offence by robbery".

■ *The Times Guide to the House of Commons* is to be published on August 18th.

Fiction

Summer sorcery

The Illusionist
By Anita Mason
(Hamish Hamilton, £8.95)

The River Why
By David James Duncan
(Hutchinson, £8.50)

Through the long hot summer flows the great grey-green, greasy Limpopo River of fiction, O Best Beloved, all set about with fever trees. There is no escaping an epidemic of historical novels, some of them seriously sickening. But Anita Mason's outbreak into ancient history is healthier than most – much better, say, than Norman Mailer's *Ancient Evenings*, about which I dream and wake up screaming in the night.

The Illusionist is about Simon Magus: necromancer, sorcerer of Samaria, inspiration of the Faust legend. It is about magic, miracles, and the difference between the two, in purpose and performance. The difference is crucial: absolute. The most intelligent can find it the most difficult to perceive. Miss Mason has done a lot of thinking about that.

Her purpose is to explain it; and she does, in nearly 300 pages of plausible action, vivid characters, and interestingly tense argument across the inconsistent, paradoxical teachings of a man "who said things so clever that nobody could understand them, and sent out a bunch of peasants to repeat them to other people who couldn't understand them either". It is from a sequel to that man's life, and work, and death by crucifixition at Golgotha, under a merciless sun, that Miss Mason picks up threads to weave a story set in about 45 AD.

Such is her sensibility as a writer that she deliberately leaves dangling throughout the novel the vital thread perceived with blinding clarity by someone who was not a peasant; whose name was Saul. He changed his name accordingly. Tell, O Best Beloved: what does Paul mean in Greek? "My Greek isn't perfect, you know".

If researches and complex musings on the life and times of Simon Magus sound more taxing on the intellect than holiday sunshine – or even whatever church you call Mother – might seem to demand, you can read all about it in Acts viii, verses 1-24. It will take you two minutes: the New Testament is briskly dismissive of illusionists; as of illusions.

But Miss Mason does a fine job, in language not quite satisfactorily balanced between literary dialectic and modern colloquial debate. Simon's trouble was that he thought he could buy his way across the divide between his magic, with precise laws and procedures founded upon fakery, and Philip's miracles, worked in unimaginable freedom and total helplessness, by the power of God. " 'Are you telling me that all anyone has to do to calm storms and raise the dead and come back from the grave is to believe that this man was the Deliverer?' 'Yes', said Philip." Miss Mason can be pretty brisk, herself. For there was nothing the matter with Simon's intelligence. It was just that he never knew how to use it.

David James Duncan uses considerable intelligence to wildly over-exuberant effect in *The River Why*, a first novel about the mystery (and meaning) of life (and love) in the Oregon wilderness. Young Gus Orviston is a fisherman sufficiently obsessed with fishing to allow first-person free play with more philosophical and metaphysical wrigglers than Mr Duncan's present writing skills can handle without losing readers; but loving concern for a natural environment exceptionally beautiful is all of a piece with Oregonian determi*nation to keep it that way.* "Ecology" – it can seem to non-Oregonian Americans – is every Oregonian's middle name. Mr Duncan is no exception. Forget the "James".

Gay Firth



J. Claude White: Nuns at the nunnery of Tatsang, 1903

Snaps of paradise lost

Tibet
The Sacred Realm
Photographs 1880-1950
Preface by the Dalai Lama
Chronicle by Lobsang P. Lhalungpa
(Aperture/Phaidon, £21.50)

The exiled Dalai Lama has a double dose of nostalgia. After 24 years in India the fourteenth incarnation of Buddha (discovered when he was two years old) sickens for Tibet. Pending a *rapprochement* with the Chinese he may return in 1985. Yet his preface to this collection of 140 historic photographs demonstrates more common symptoms: his prose is shot through with the wistful melancholy that attends thoughts not of the unattainable homeland but of the years that cannot be relived. For the new beauties of Tibet are of Chinese manufacture, wrought through terror and the systematic desecration of monasteries during the "mistakes" of the Cultural Revolution. Stacks of *Mani* stones, painted with mantras and piled by the roadside by travellers as an act of devotion, have been used by the Chinese to pave lavatories.

Whatever the intentions behind the photographs in this volume, taken by miscellaneous naturalists, Himalayan climbers, missionaries and political crackpots, these neat pictorial slices of time actively promote nostalgia for a prelapsarian Tibet. All are elegaic and touched with pathos; indeed, the passage of time has positioned even the most amateurish snapshot at the level of art. Some of the finest photographs of Tibetan life and architecture were taken by the Indian government official John Claude White (1853-1918), who was contemptuous of the Tibetans' refusal to take part in what Kipling described as "The Great Game" of British and Russian Imperialism in Asia. White was second in command to Colonel Francis Younghusband during the 1904 military mission to Tibet, during which 1,000 Tibetans were killed while resisting British attempts to enforce Curzon's policy of checking Russian expansion into central Asia. In common with all Western travellers to Tibet fired through religious or political motives with a desire to gain entrance to the Forbidden City of Lhasa, White's camera turned instinctively to recording examples of the exotic and the primitive: to the bizarre coiffure of nuns at Tatsang in 1903 and (by means of a complicated four-sheet panorama) the awesome and vertiginous Potala (1904).

The Sacred Realm is an exception to the general rule that exhibition catalogues do not make good books. The plates are finely printed from a show at the Philadelphia Museum of Art which can be seen in Houston this autumn and in New York next spring.

Tibet's immunity from the compressed technological changes of the industrial west and its apparently harmonious integration of temporal and spiritual concerns has long afforded it Utopian status among travellers for whom difficulty of access merely added to the mystery. The biographies of contributors to this book comprise a cornucopia of the maverick and quixotic. But note especially the demise of the naturalist Dr Alexander Wollaston, Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, and *medical officer for the 1921* Everest expedition: having survived the rigours of a journey to Tibet and back he was shot dead by an undergraduate in Cambridge.

Rory Coonan

The cost of freedom

Pasternak
A Biography
By Ronald Hingley
(Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £12.95)

The final note is one of triumph, through all the tragic counterpoint of Boris Pasternak's life and times (1890-1960), illuminated so superbly by Ronald Hingley in this enthralling biography. None so well qualified as Mr Hingley to make plain the complexities of this extraordinary Russian dissident poet, whose novel *Doctor Zhivago* brought him international attention. Mr Hingley's authority in the field of Russian literature is of high distinction, as biographer and translator. One is immediately aware that the author thoroughly understands the conflict and ambiguity of Russian and Soviet society, parallels which in the case of Pasternak and his contemporaries interlink, almost psychologically.

Much has been written about Pasternak's work, yet, in the *main, Mr Hingley found that as* a man "with his loves, his marriages, his living conditions, his temperament" he remained "faceless". Isaiah Berlin's chapter, *Meetings with Russian Writers 1945 & 1946*, gave us a stringent flavour, and last year's publication of letters exchanged between Pasternak and his cousin, Olga Friedenberg, covered some of the gaps, as does Olga Ivinskaya's *A Captive of Time*, which records the passion and dedication of her years as Pasternak's last, and deepest love.

Chronologically the biographical facts are known, from that Jewish artistic liberal background, privileged enough to provide nannies, tutors and foreign travel. Mr Hingley places all these pre-revolutionary years before us, building up his portrait of a born poet, early influenced by Rilke and Mayakovsky. The Revolution was welcomed by Pasternak, family and friends, as indeed all liberal Russian opinion welcomed the demise of Tsarist tyranny. With considerable skill Mr Hingley deals with Pasternak's conflict about the actual Revolution, when, initially, he veered towards hero-worship of Stalin to detestation of the horror of the thirties. He never hid his disgust nor failed to condemn injustice or brutality, and confronted Stalin himself. It is probable, states Mr Hingley, that for some fanciful whim Stalin decreed that Pasternak should not be touched, possibly admiring his courage for speaking his mind. A terrifying picture is built up of what life was like (maybe still is) for creative people struggling to work as they please in a totalitarian society. The prospect is fearful, and can, really, only be dimly apprehended by those free to express themselves as they wish.

Probably the most fascinating part of this biography relates to Pasternak in love. There was the first naive, young marriage, superceded by marriage to Zinaida, which soon proved to be a match of incompatibles. Zinaida was a conformist Soviet housewife and clung on to Pasternak until the end, refusing divorce when Olga Ivinskaya came on the scene. The year was 1946, a horribly repressive time, Pasternak suffering from a four year work block. Mr Hingley's narrative sparkles when it comes to that fateful meeting between Olga aged 34, an editor on the literary *Novy mir*, and Pasternak, 20 years her senior. "I never thought", he said, "I'd know such joy again". It took him six months to declare himself, and then after walking the Moscow streets all night, arriving at Olga's door in the early morning. She was a remarkable woman, courageous, life-enhancing. Their's was an incredibly passionate love affair, although one does rather feel Pasternak was a bit of weakling, spending his time between his wife and Olga's household. Not daring to touch Pasternak the authorities condemned Olga to a labour camp. Pasternak's plea to Stalin to take him instead was never answered. Mr Hingley's detailed account of the Nobel Prize granted for *Doctor Zhivago* rather more than for Pasternak's poetry makes near unbearable reading with its horrific consequences for Pasternak, and for Olga deprived of her right to work. Pasternak made it a condition of his refusing the prize that Olga's Union card be restored. Following Pasternak's death, Olga was again interned, on trumped-up currency charges. She survived, *however, to write her vivid* memoir of their fourteen years of continuously passionate love.

An interesting sidelight offered is Khrushchev's rage with the secretary of the Soviet Writers Union for denying Pasternak publication of *Doctor Zhivago* and for failing to make clear that he was a world famous author. Mr Hingley's book is full of equally rivetting anecdotes. "To live your life is not so simple as to cross a field", wrote Pasternak in his cycle of poems to *Doctor Zhivago*. Not simple at all as this superb biography shows. Yet, finally, Pasternak achieved his simplicity in near impossible social conditions: he wrote as a free man.

Kay Dick

Mutual puffers

Pound/Ford
The Story of a Literary Friendship
Edited by
Brita Lindberg-Seyersted
(Faber, £20)

Poor old Fordie! His life was a complicated mess, he seldom managed to produce work worthy of his genius, he never achieved due recognition in his lifetime (or since) – and, to cap it all, he was a friend of Ezra *Pound's. This was fine as far as* their puffing of each other's works went; over thirty years they scarcely published a bad word about each other. But on the personal level, it was not always such easy going.

Both men were of course notoriously "difficult" characters, and it is not surprising that they fell out fairly often over the years. But one must pity Ford chiefly for having to read Pound's letters. It is hard to think of a more tiresomely affected epistolary stylist (Larry Adler perhaps?):

The reason this age is such a mass of snot IS purrcisely because the idea of mental ROT has been mislaid. Protestant shallows.

All they can smell is sewer. The idea that Jum Douglas of the Sunday Morning Stool and 99 percent of Brit pubcation STINKS... has been eliminated from Ang/Shaxon imagination.

And so on, and on.

The bulk of this book, handsomely produced (but overpriced) by Faber, consists of letters between Ford and Pound, and is also quotes at length from their reviews and memoirs of each other. Ms Lindberg-Seyersted has ap*proached her editing task with* the kind of heavy diligence one expects of tranatlantic scholarship, though this seems in fact to be a Norwegian-American co-production. Annotation is, however, curiously inconsistent.

It is good to have this account of a literary relationship of considerable importance in the history of modernism. A pity that the material collected is mostly so unappealing and uninteresting (the majority of the letters are concerned largely with business matters). The real substance of the Ford-Pound friendship probably lies elsewhere, in the conversations of Pound's early days in London, when Ford was briefly at the centre of the modern movement. But there we are: *verba fugiunt, scripta manent*.

Nigel Andrew

Poetry

Disfigured doodles

I notice that these days the Scottish poet Norman MacCaig is much praised for his honesty, modesty, and wit. Reading his latest slim volume **A World of Difference** (*Chatto & Windus/The Hogarth Press, £3.95*) it is not hard to see why. Here, for example, is the beginning of a poem called *Running bull*:

All his weight's forward.
He looks like a big black
hunchback
with a small black boy running
behind him.
Put an invisible sixpence on the
ground...
he'll turn on it.
So don't, if he's facing away
from you.
People scatter. I scatter too.

Pleasant, amusing, with just enough originality in the actual description of the creature for us to feel that the poet is doing something more than show off his good humour. The tone and the manner are typical. For the most part, these poems consist of empathetic descriptions of the natural world – sometimes a bit Disneyish, but no matter – matched to expressions of the writer's sense of being somehow an intruder in that world because he has the gift of translating it into images. It seems churlish to complain, but I do detect a disfiguring note of self-satisfaction in MacCaig's refusal to write about anything which might possibly disturb him at a deeper level. For a brief time, about 25 years ago, he seemed on the verge of becoming a major poet, a sort of twentieth-century John Donne, and we do his talents a disservice if we let him forget it. Elegance is no substitute for urgency, and too great a proportion of his recent work looks like doodling with his left hand while his heart has forty winks. To be fair, in a poem called *Enough* included here, he appears to address himself to this specific criticism when he writes:

I don't want to shuffle in a
Greek Theatre
chanting powerful platitudes
while Nemesis, off-stage, gouges
and stabs.

But that is to load the dice. Nobody wants to shuffle, chant, or strut – *only to engage again* with the kind of truth-telling he expressed in his line *hard feeling is true exercise for wit.* Wit without hard feeling makes for whimsey, and I'm afraid that's what we have in the present book.

A similar charge could be brought against much of the work in Charles Causley's **Collected Poems 1951-1975** *(Macmillan, £4.95)*, but then Causley has always been a difficult case. At first sight, he seems naive and derivative, a writer whose frequent recourse to traditional ballad forms cheapens his own vision, achieving vigour at the cost of sensitivity. His best things, though, tell if not a different story then at least a more troubling and memorable one:

As I walked down by the river
Down by the frozen fen
I saw the grey cathedral
With the eyes of a child of ten.
O the railway arch is smoky
As the Flying Scot goes by
And but for the Education Act
Go Jumper Cross and I.

That, I submit, is unmistakably the real thing, and even if the last two lines make you wince it might be worth considering that the poet *intends* you to wince, to come down to earth with a bang. Here, in short, is a genuinely popular poet, who can sing both high and low, and whose finest effects spring from a calculated interlacing of the romantic and the realistic. I should add that there is also a note of sheer celebration in Causley's work which makes him unusual among other twentieth century poets who have called themselves Christians.

Donald Davie, for instance, seems in the period covered by his **Collected Poems 1971-1983** *Carcanet Press, £5.95)* to have refound his roots in the Protestant tradition, but unfortunately this experience has not warmed or renewed his verse-making. Rather, his religion figures in poem after poem as yet another opportunity for inhibition. One piece escapes, and has sufficient life to allow me to think that the poet in Davie has not quite been extinguished by his didactic critical intelligence – a strange poem called *In the Stopping Train*. This man in the stopping train tries to pass the time and comfort himself by staring out of the window at flowers, but even as he does so he accuses himself of knowing only their names and not their identities:

Jonquil is a sweet word.
Is it a flowering bush?
Let him helplessly wonder
for hours if perhaps he's seen it.

Has it a white and yellow
flower, the jonquil? Has it
a perfume? Oh his art could
always pretend it had.

He never needed to see,
not with his art to help him.
He never needed to use his
nose, except for language.

I find that almost too moving to quote in public. I only wish that this man in the stopping train had written some of the other poems in the book.

Robert Nye



THE TIMES DIARY

Sugar and spice

Graham Greene is to share a publisher with Jacques Médecin, the mayor of Nice with whom he clashed when charging that the city is the "privileged haunt . . . of the most criminal milieu" in the south of France. Médecin has run Nice since 1966, following both his father and grandfather as mayor. He is also a keen cook, and his *Cuisine Niçoise* is to be published later this month by Penguin, who also paperback Greene. One searches the pages in vain for *vieux gateux*, but then that is not a dish. It is what Médecin called Greene when denying the novelist's charges of corruption. It means "old dotard".

Et tu, Julius

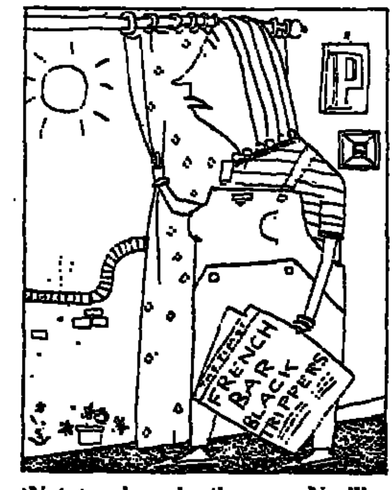
President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania is among those nominated to me as possible translators of P. G. Wodehouse's *The Great Sermon Handicap*. M.B. Senior of Dewsbury tells me: "In the early 1960s he came to school in the Songea district to a performance of his Swahili translation of *Julius Caesar*. The lines known by all schoolboys became: 'Warafiki, WaRomani, Wananchi, sikia mia.' He expressed amusement at our own translation of a song popular among expatriate students at the university in Kampala: 'Ndiyo, hakuna ndizi, hakuna ndizi leo . . . .' Yes, we have no bananas . . . ."

● *Lord Cudlipp has had his first postcard from his grand-daughter, who is touring the Soviet Union: "Yesterday," she writes, "we went to see Lennon's tomb."*

Soft sell

Let no one say the Willamsburg summit did nobody any good. Bill and Julie Brice, young American yoghurt manufacturers, smothered the event in free samples. A a result, Julie says: "Our sales have increased from nothing to two million dollars. Our stores are going nationwide and we are opening in London soon".

BARRY FANTONI



'Not too long in the sun, Neville: we're off to the Dordogne on Saturday'

It'll crease you

Tonight sees the London debut of the Octetto Ironico at the Air Gallery, Holborn, during which "members of the group will iron different types of clothing and artistic objects, from underwear to evening wear, from the wrappings and bandages of religious relics to the ribbons and laces of exotic corsages". By way of rehearsal the group has ironed the pleats of the large statue of Buddha in the garden of the V & A, and one of them claims to have ironed the sea at Bognor. For the finale of tonight's *Tutti Impromptì au Bal Pressè* the octet will be forming visual anagrams of the word Euphoria. Their ambition is "to iron out the philosphical disputes in Rafael's *Disputà* in the Vatican".

● *British Telecom has produced a leaflet "to give you some idea of the size and complexity of London's telecommunications services and how they are organized". I have been sent 20 copies. So* that's *how they are organized.*

A real skinful

The British eat 6,000 million sausages a year. I was quietly disposing of two of them in the office yesterday just as my eye chanced upon this hugely indigestible statistic. (Not even founder members of the British Academy of Gastronomes who are also *Times* diarists get to eat out *every* day). It accompanied a warning that October is to be declared British Sausage Time, and an offer to supply me with " 'fun' information on sausages". Now sausages are one thing I have had surprisingly little "fun" information about. The senders of the 10 best sausage jokes, printable enough to help PHS through the silly season, will each receive not mere bubbly, but a British Sausage Time quartz clock, courtesy of the British Sausage Bureau. Now don't send anything too *saucisse*, will you?



vive

News of the invasion of our south coastal waters by weever fish reminded Frank Dash of Highgate of a letter received by one of his pupils in 1944, after the liberation of Paris, from the boy's French penpal. Gay with tricolors and union flags, it ended in block capitals: WEEVER FISH THE ENGLAND!!!! That is how Dash discovered, with Harrap's help, that the French call the creature *la vive*.

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E. S. Anderson puts the typhoid outbreak in perspective

Beware, a bad epidemic of news hysteria



Not for the first time, the media has over-reacted to an outbreak of typhoid fever. The disease is relatively rare and can effectively be treated. But since confirmation of a number of cases originating on the island of Kos, there have been banner headlines in the newspapers and disquieting comments on radio and television.

people about to take holidays abroad have been hastily inoculated, even though inoculation just before departure would be ineffective, as would inoculation in a typhoid-infected area itself. One newspaper has even suggested that inoculation be made compulsory for thoe visiting countries where the disease is endemic.

The media had a similar field day after the typhoid outbreak at Zermatt during the height of the skiing season in 1963. About 70 Britons were infected. The Swiss authorities were accused of delay in reporting the outbreak, and I was approached by a Swiss journalist to provide him with information so that he could attack his government in a Swiss weekly magazine. I refused. This did not prevent the attack, but did result in my being included in it for refusing to supply ammunition to increase its impact.

An Englishman who had been to Zermatt during the period of infection, but who did not become infected, found himself and his family ostracized on his return home: objections were made to his children attending school, and a local provision store was reluctant to serve his wife with food.

A television team approached me during this period and asked my help in putting on a programme about the Zermatt outbreak. Hoping to be able to persuade people to "play it cool", I agreed. However, as the programme took shape I became uneasy, because I felt that it was concentrating on sensational rather than informative aspects of the affair. I complained of this to a member of the production team while they were filming in my laboratory. I pointed out that there were lessons to be learnt from this outbreak and that it would be better to concentrate on those. I shall always remember his reply: "Doctor, we're in this game to entertain the public, not to educate it."

In the following year (1964) a typhoid outbreak burst on the unlucky town of Aberdeen. As typhoid is my business, I was also intimately involved in this epidemic. By this time the mass media, primed by Zermatt and by a few small outbreaks in this country probably caused by infected corned beef, were ready to explode at news of typhoid.

And explode they did, especially when it became evident that the Aberdeen incident was big and that its source was probably corned beef, I had to go virtually incommunicado, otherwise my work would have been impeded by the many attempts by journalists of different sorts to obtain information from me. While I was trying to play it down, others were doing their best to stir it up. And there was genuinely widespread alarm at the suggested possibility that the infection might become nationwide. What nonsense!

Typhoid infection occurs only by way of mouth. If you do not swallow the typhoid bacillus you do not contract the disease. Typhoid is not contagious like smallpox, nor is it spread by droplet infection like respiratory diseases. Typhoid cases or carriers do *not* go round surrounded by a cloud of infection; they can transmit the disase only by contaminating water supplies or food with their excreta.

Typhoid is predominantly a disease of countries with poor hygiene, water supplies prone to contamination, and inadequate sewage disposal. As this country ranks among the best in the world in these respects, its incidence of typhoid is correspondingly low.

In 1982, 168 cases of typhoid were reported from England and Wales to the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre at Colindale, London. Twenty-one (12 per cent) were contracted in this country and 147 (88 per cent) were infected abroad: 93 on the Indian subcontinent and 16 in Mediterranean countries – two in Spain, three in France, four in Italy, and one each in Algeria, Malta and Greece. The total works out at less than 0.3 per 100,000 of the British population.

Typhoid is easy to treat nowadays. Chloramphenicol is the drug of choice and the disease responds so well that the mortality rate has fallen from about 10 per cent to 1 per cent or less. For example, of 507 cases infected in the Aberdeen outbreak, only three died – a mortality rate of 0.6 per cent. And at least one death was of an elderly woman already gravely ill. Although typhoid is still a grave disease, therefore, its outcome need no longer be feared as it was in the days before chloramphenicol.

A small percentage, probably less than three, of persons contracting typhoid become chronic carriers of the disease. Naturally, the lower the incidence of the disease, the lower the residium of carriers. Although it might be thought that carriers frequently transmit infection, this is not so. Indeed, it is striking how rarely such transmission occurs. A number of the typhoid carriers detected because they have passed on the disease have been elderly women who acquired the infection many years earlier. They may have brought up entire families without infecting them, but in their old age their personal hygiene has deteriorated so that they have contaminated food and caused isolated incidents which have resulted in their detection.

In one instance a female carrier, whose excreta were found to be contaminating a local stream which caused an outbreak in 1948, was established to have to have been infected in 1895. She had been a schoolmistress all her working life, but the only evidence that she had previously transmitted the disease was in 1926 when two visitors staying with her contracted typhoid. So she could scarcely be described as having constituted an active threat to her environment.

Once carriers are detected, the risk present to others is explained to them and they are carefully instructed in the rules of personal hygiene. They are usually only too anxious to cooperate. They cannot, of course, be employed in the food industry, or on water undertakings at points where they could contaminate supplies. But in most other occupations they present little risk

Drug therapy has proved disappointing in the treatment of carriers. Chloramphenicol, so useful in the treatment of the acute disease, is useless for the carrier state. Success has been claimed for other antibacterial drugs from time to time, and it is worth giving some of them a trial. Surgery is the only alternative treatment in the event of failure of drug therapy.

The carrier state is mostly caused by chronic gall bladder infection with the typhoid bacillus, and removal of the gall bladder offers a 70 to 80 per cent prospect of cure. But the operative risk may be considerable in an elderly person in indifferent health, and since the rules of hygiene, are usually observed by carriers, so that they cause no further infection, it may be advisable to avoid surgery. In younger, otherwise healthy carriers, however, it should be considered as the treatment of choice if the carrier state persists despite drug therapy.

I confidently expect our indigenous incidence of typhoid infection to dwindle to vanishing point in the long term. So long as people go on holiday to areas of relatively high typhoid incidence such as the Mediterranean basin, however, we shall continue to import the disease. But bearing in mind the millions of British holidaymakers travelling abroad, the individual risk is very small indeed. And it can be reduced still further by anti-typhoid inoculation once in three to four years, by avoiding eating foods such as green salads and raw shellfish when visiting countries where typhoid is common and by using only sterilized water, either bottled mineral water (preferably aerated), or treated with water-sterilizing tablets, which are available cheaply from pharmacists and are easy to use.

In any event a case of typhoid presents a negligible risk to the general population. Secondary cases, that is, those infected by transmission from patients infected at the primary source, are rare.

Typhoid outbreaks are easily controlled; indeed, they are usually self-limiting. The outbreak runs its course and ceases. The trouble is that typhoid has an average incubation period of about nine to 14 days, with extremes of as little as three days or as long as six or more weeks, and that not all patients fall ill at once.

The full extent of an outbreak may therefore take some weeks to declare itself. But this does not mean that infection is persisting, or spreading: it means simply that different people infected at the same time have different incubation periods and thus fall ill at different times.

There is thus no need for panic about typhoid; no need to ostracize contacts; no need to fuss about carriers, most of whom only very exceptionally transmit the infection and who, once detected, are usually easily controlled; and least of all is there any justification for the sensationalism to which this relatively rare and quite tractable disease is submitted by the media.

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Ronald Butt

Labour: the worst is yet to come

There comes a stage in the decline of institutions and political parties when the next apparently important happening makes no significant difference to the outcome. Thus I doubt whether the long-term outlook for the Labour Party would be much different if Mr Roy Hattersley were to be its next leader instead of Mr Neil Kinnock.

Even if Mr Tony Benn's stand-in, Mr Michael Meacher, were to be elected deputy to Mr Kinnock instead of Mr Hattersley it would probably alter little except, perhaps, the speed of events. When left-wing union leaders conferred privately last week about whether Mr Hattersley or Mr Meacher should be the deputy, they were only discussing cosmetics. The question was simply whether Mr Hattersley's moderate reputation would enable Labour to keep on its now ordained path to the left with fewer splits, and more acceptably to the electorate, than would be possible with Mr Meacher's dogmatism.

If Mr Peter Shore were going to be elected that would indeed make a difference. A Labour Party capable of choosing the only candidate who could appeal to its old national constituency against the unions and the left would, by definition, be a different party from the one which considers only Mr Kinnock and Mr Hattersley to be *papabile*.

But Mr Shore is not in the race and Mr Hattersley's claim to stand seriously for moderation and a more realistic response to Labour's election defeat is less than convincing. It is true that he supports the West, favours membership of the European Community and does not want to nationalize everything in sight. But to compensate for these socialist shortcomings he has absurdly advocated the licensing and control of all City institutions to improve investment and has adopted some (as he might say) passionate positions in the name of equality which are hardly likely to appeal greatly to the common opinion of traditional Labour voters.

Thus he has now announced grandly that Labour is a party not of equality of opportunity, but of "equality of outcome". Everyone is left to interpret this for himself and no doubt Mr Scargill's increasingly bourgeois miners will. It could mean no more than that Mr Hattersley wants some more reverse discrimination on race and sex and more redistributionist fiscal policies to pay for welfare. Or, taken literally, it could mean that the men in Whitehall ought to assess much more closely what is required to ensure that the living conditions of everyone are related more to their idea of his need, a concept hitherto thought to have dangerous political implications. Or it could mean nothing at all.

Mr Hattersley has the habit of enunciating his moral statements with a specially plosive manner of delivery. The "p"s and "b"s of his often alliterative words are spat into the eye of the television camera with a force plainly meant to symbolize his righteous conviction and toughness. The trouble is that a politician who has stomached as much as Mr Hattersley has in the name of unity is hardly the man to stand up to the left now.

He has always said that he would never in any circumstances leave the Labour Party, and to say that sort of thing quite so loudly and repeatedly hardly enhances the bargaining power of anyone who wishes to change a party's direction.

So even if it were Mr Hattersley instead of either Mr Kinnock or Mr Meacher it would probably make little difference (except in detail and timing) to the direction of the Labour Party. He has no significant braking power. What, then, will happen to Labour under any of the forseeable combinations? At least one former and senior Labour Cabinet minister believes there will be an exit of between 40 and 60 Labour MPs (particularly if Labour does badly in the local elections in May) to form a new independent Democratic Labour Party (based on Westminster and mostly funded by the allowances paid to MPs for their staffs initially). This would make common cause with the SDP and Liberals, leading towards a realigned radical party as the principal alternative to Mrs Thatcher.

Dr David Owen sees it differently. He has decided on an open-door policy for all individual refugees from the Labour Party who wish to come to the SDP. They will be welcome without inquisition about their past performance or why they have held back so long. There will be no gibing hostility to Labour right-wingers in the final fragmentation of their old party (symbolized by Labour's 7.4 per cent poll at Penrith.) The watchword, as another Social Democrat put it, is generosity. But they expect individual recruits rather than the emergence of yet another independent Labour Party. That makes sense.

An exodus of a sufficient band of Labour MPs able to form their own organization seems unlikely. Future defectors will either be older ex-Cabinet ministers who are over the hill in terms of party power, or junior ex-ministers and backbenchers whose only base is their seat in Parliament. There are no more Owens and Jenkinses among them. There is no room for a second ex-Labour Party so long as Dr Owen resists amalgamation with the Liberals and keeps the SDP as Labour's successor.

Conservatives look on all this benignly and are willing to help where they can. Mr Tebbit's Bill requiring union ballots to approve political funding will purposely contain an early date for the first ballot so as to precipitate action. Some unions, when balloted, are expected not to throw any more money away on Labour; some of these might pay funds to no party; others might fund the SDP. Many would stay with Labour. What the consequences would be for the TUC is not yet a question for sensible speculation. Against the seismic background of such prospective events, the question whether Mr Hattersley would be a better leader than Mr Kinnock or a more moderate deputy than Mr Meacher is one of quite dramatic insignificance.

Getting the unions back on the right track

Paul Routledge looks at the battle between self-interest and ideology







Murray (left), ready to talk to Norman Tebbit. Scargill (right), taking a back seat

It is clear from the preliminary agenda for next month's Trades Union Congress that the unions are deeply divided on how to conduct relations with Mrs Thatcher's new administration.

The hard left, predictably, wants the Labour movement to continue its boycott of talks with Mr Norman Tebbit, the Employment Secretary, on his plans for a third and even more radical programme of trade union law reform.

There is also pressure to begin withdrawing from the National Economic Development Council, now the only forum where union leaders regularly meet ministers.

Conversely, centre-right traditionalists want the TUC to present its policies "through every avenue open to it", including direct discussions with the Government, in the hope of exerting what influence it can.

There is no doubting where Mr Len Murray, the TUC general secretary, stands. In an interview with *The Times*, he made very clear his intention to persuade Congress to drop the boycott of the Employment Secretary and come to grips with political realities. "There must be changes," he insists.

The TUC General Council last week split 14-11 on the issue of talking to Mr Tebbit, evidence that many union leaders still cannot bring themselves to contemplate doing any kind of deal with this Cabinet. "You don't negotiate with the executioner," was a typical comment.

But Mr Murray detects a definite shift in Labour movement opinion, a new mood of pragmatism that will carry the day at Blackpool. "We shall see changes, and a degree of realism which has not always been evident. We shall see a recognition of the realities of the situation which has not characterized Congress for a few years now."

The change is overdue, he said. "When we are not in a dialogue and not being challenged by government, we tend to look at our own navels and to move or be driven into positions that are not always realistic. We need the challenge of being involved, and of having to accept the responsibilities of being involved, which always acts as a check on our theoretical ambitions.

"That is one factor; the other is that we have to be prepared to order our demands in terms of priorities and relate them to what can be achieved at any particular time – rather than asking for everything simultaneously and immediately. But our ability to establish realistic policies will be influenced by whether we are able to bargain with the government".

That is why, he argues, the unions must test the ice by talking to Mr Tebbit about his desire to make it easier for trade unionists to opt out of paying the political levy to the Labour Party. That discussion could broaden into a more general exchange on the Tebbit plan to intoduce compulsory secret ballots for trade union elections.

What the unions cannot gauge in advance, of course, is whether ministers will take any notice of their arguments. Such evidence as there is on this score is not encouraging; the Transport Minister last week declined to intervene to prevent the imminent closure of three railway workshops, and the Environment Secretary ofered scant hope to contruction unions seeking a boost for the building industry.

But the balance of advantage still lies in talking, Mr Murray insists. The TUC's main instrument of policy is argument and negotiation.

The prospect of failure does not deter him. Even if this government does not take his view, future Conservative governments will. "The whole nature of our society requires government to accept that the trade unions are part of our life." And if that requires a different perspective on TUC aspirations, so be it. "The one thing we have learned over the past five years is that we have to take a longer view than traditionally we have done".

Mr Murray talks as though he has already counted the votes and knows he has it in the bag. He is almost certainly right. The TUC is ripe for change, as its own internal reforms show. From next month, when all unions with more than 100,000 members qualify for automatic seats, the General Council will be more representative of white collar and moderate opinion.

It is an historic shift away from the TUC's manual roots, and signals the end of the dominance of the old, heavy industry unions that were traditionally more political than the white-collar organizations that have taken their place. It is appropriate that Mr Arthur Scargill, the left-wing miners'leader, should voluntarily leave the General Council at this time; his confrontationist policies appear singularly out of place in the new, more pragmatic environment.

However, it would be premature to write off the direct-action lobby and the residual influence of the left. Mr Murray believes that the current improvement in the economy will encourage trade unionists to "put their heads above the parapet" more than in recent years. And when the TUC does seek to negotiate with the Government, it will be on a basis of opposition to present economic and social policies. A cessation of hostilities will not necessarily lead to a fruitful peace. Much hangs on that crucial first meeting with Mr Tebbit.

Understandably, there is less emphasis in this year's agenda on achieving policies through the Labour Party, though it is still seen as the best available political alternative.

The Alliance is not taken seriously at present, though the Murray doctrine would require contacts if it appeared that the SDP–Liberal coalition had a good chance of forming a government.

So what *will* change at Blackpool? It seems there will be a general scaling-down of expectations, and a different style. The TUC will behave more like one of its constituent unions, deciding what it wants and going for things one at a time instead of asking for everything at once.

Attention will be re-focused on bread and butter issues rather than grandiose policies on nuclear weapons and foreign affairs. It is likely that Britain's membership of the EEC will be reluctantly accepted. The Labour movement's economic strategy will also be reappraised, and the 1984 *Economic Review* will be less utopian. There will be greater emphasis on winning rank-and-file support for union policies, if possible through a new daily paper reflecting the labour movement's values. One way and another, it sounds like the old TUC carthorse, and it probably is.

Correction

The massacre of Maronites mentioned in Robert Fisk's feature on Lebanon in Monday's paper took place in 1860, not 1968, as printed.

Paul Pickering

Enter extreme left, a red, red Robin

Our beloved folk hero Robin Hood has undergone a strange metamorphosis. Tired of well-cut costumes in Lincoln Green and campfire singsongs in the greenwood, he has discovered the works of Marx and Lenin. A new £2m ITV series on the Sherwood outlaw – filming ends this week – portrays the merry men as a group of "very committed" left-wingers sombre enough to sell the *Militant* newspaper.

"We have done away with all the feathers and pointed hats and green tights," said director Paul Knight. "This is Robin Hood for the 1980s. The merry men are a group of punks who live wild in the forest; they are freedom fighters. Will Scarlet is a real killer; he's played by Ray Winstone, who starred in *Scum*."

All of which goes well beyond the comfortable memories of the 1956 series with Richard Green. Even Maid Marian's virginal status is not sacred. "Marian lives with Robin in the forest. She does not sit on the battlements wistfully waiting. She is very committed too – Greenham Common and so on".

But the presence of the liberated Ms Marian, portrayed by the aptly named Judi Trott, could lead to problems. Imagine the comrades facing the evil Tebbit of Nottingham, bows drawn, when: "Stop that Robin," says Marian. "You know that in the last merry vote on unilateralism arrows and swords were banned as first-strike weapons. Only Little John's staff is negotiable, and that is to be phased out within five years."

Back they would troop to the "peace camp" in the forest, and Robin would not put his foot down. Our fearless outlaw has now become a "Peter Tatbell figure", says Knight; Michael Praed, who plays him, describes this new Robin of Bermondsey as "vulnerable" and "non-macho".

Help is at hand in the shape of a 19-stone Friar Tuck who bears more relation to Clive Jenkins than to Monsignor Bruce Kent. "He really gets in on the action," says Knight. But Robin's real friend is a wood god with large, staring eyes called Herne the Hunter who comes out with a lot of socialist mysticism and is obviously meant to be Tony Benn, except that he has antlers and his predictions come true.

What happens in the end to this merry band is anyone's guess. Perhaps they could get a GLC grant as an oppressed minority, which would take away the need to rob altogether.

"It's not how I see Robin Hood," said Mr Martin Brandon-Bravo, Conservative MP for Nottingham, South. "In this city we take enormous pride in Robin Hood.

"He would not have been a left-winger; far from it. I see the idea of the left being the only caring people as a totally phoney argument. Robin Hood would be a Tory wet, very damp around the edges."

So would anyone be after living in Sherwood Forest, and Mr Brandon-Bravo, former councillor and rowing enthusiast, laid another myth to rest. "Of course Robin did not strip the sheriff of his power. It was local government reorganizaton in 1973". The even damper Mr Heath can thus take the credit.

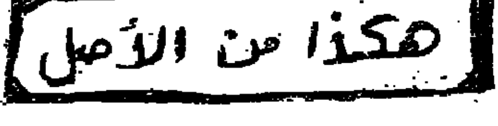
The sheriff of Nottingham himself, Mr Dennis Birkinshaw, aA former football referee, puts Robin at inside-left: "But I don't see him as a Kinnock or a Hattersley. Robin was an athletic chap – if of course there really was a Robin Hood." The only concrete evidence was an arrow head found in the top of the Major Oak years ago by local history experts.

"I'm afraid that was mine," said former Goon and achery fanatic Michael Bentine. "It was in my toxophilite period. I was playing in Doncaster with Peter Sellers and David Lodge and wanted to see Robin's Oak."

"We took along my bow, as one does, and some hunting arrows made for me by a postmaster in Surrey. I shot one of the arrows into the top of the tree, much to Sellers' amusement. Years later part of the tree blew down in a storm and there was a great to-do when the local museum found this arrow head of the same pattern as used by Robin Hood . . ."

Bentine has a novel theory about Hood: "The Scots were much better archers than the English, who couldn't hit anything except William Rufus. It might be that Robin Hood was Scottish."

A vicious Scottish Hood brought up by social workers on a Glaswegan adventure playground who hitches down the M1 to wage war on Nottingham football supporters will be just the right stuff when Channel 4 remake the series. Until then we shall just have to learn to love Red Robin and Scum Scarlet.



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BALANCE-SHEET OF MEDICINE

The curious affair of the Whipp's Cross cordon sanitaire is only one of many signs of how deeply the NHS has been rattled by developments since the election. Faced with a succession of novel and unsettling initiatives by the Government, it is no surprise if parts of the service themselves begin to fall back on improvisation, with an eye to political effect.

Whipp's Cross hospital, faced with the call for more spending cuts in the current year, announced this week that it would turn away patients living outside a "catchment area" determined by the hospital itself, except for serious emergencies and references to named consultants. By this means the hospital hopes to avoid treating many hundreds of patients in a full year, and consequently to save itself the expense of doing so. Whether or not the patients eventually find treatment elsewhere, they will not figure as a charge on the budget of Whipp's Cross hospital.

Clearly this is no way to manage the resources of a national public service designed to meet social need. The rapid, if rather baffled, protest by the Regional Health Authority shows that it sees how damaging the practice could be if it spread. This is not at all what is meant by the use of initiative in seeking ways of cutting costs. Neighbouring hospitals in similar financial straits would be given a strong market incentive to impose a similar rule. Patients would be thrown back on a family practitioner service, which in the East End is acknowledged to have marked shortcomings – the very reason why many patients presented themselves at hospital in the first place.

It is a London problem, and a "hospitals-versus GPs" problem: as such it points to several of the worst areas of potential friction in the NHS today. London's position in the perpetual haggling over distribution of finance is paradoxical: it is at once embarrassingly over-provided, with world-famous teaching hospitals and specialist institutions, and painfully under-provided, in areas where the profusion of hospitals has inhibited the development of GP services.

For many years, and rightly, successive governments have progressively channelled national funds away from regions which get more than an equal share. London is one of these, and the consequences for the weaker areas of its services have been harsh. The reallocation formula is designed to take account of these factors, and it is a matter of hot dispute whether it does so adequately. But the fact is that scarcity of resources for the NHS as a whole is subjectively perceived most painfully by those who manage it in London and other apparently fortunate places.

As far as national expenditure is concerned, nothing is gained by one hospital palming off patients on its neighbours. But any accounting system which provides incentives to efficiency at the local level (which should in principle be best placed to judge how resources should be allocated) is apt also to create incentives to the minimizing, regardless of efficiency, of any loss-making activity. A similar factor was exposed last month when Mr Lawson demanded savings from the hospitals to compensate for an anticipated overspend in GP services.

Hospitals are cash-limited, which means that if there are more patients dying of kidney disease than budgeted facilities to cure them (and there always are), the surplus of patients are given only palliative treatment, and will die. General practice, by contrast, is demand-led: whoever turns up has a right to expect some sort of appropriate treatment, and it is for the doctor to combine efficiency and economy as best he can. It is statistically possible to estimate the annual cost, but last year the Government chose to budget on the basis of a low estimate, and now naturally finds it likely that the budget will be exceeded. Having no means of enforcing retrenchment on the GPs, it has imposed it on the hospitals instead. A certain rough justice can be claimed for the procedure, as the hospitals have not been unaware of the savings to be made by hurrying in-patients out into the community, and back on to the GP budget.

These rather ignominious expedients are only what is to be expected when each part of the service is under pressure to do its best for itself and those it serves: it would be unworldy to expect otherwise. But as the Government considers further economy drives, with more specific requirements, for instance on staffing, than ever before (and correspondingly less scope for constructive local discretion) it is worth bearing in mind that such campaigns cannot be carried out without danger of paper savings harmful to actual services, short-term fudging which will cost more in the long run, distortions of allocation between costly hospitals and economical general practice, and intensified rivalries between different arms of the service. At both governmental and managerial level it will be essential not to lose sight of the fundamental purpose of the service, and to use resources as best serves the patient, not the balance-sheet.

It is still true that the Government has treated the NHS fairly, compared to other parts of the public sector. The constraints on future public expenditure are so severe that it is inescapable that the NHS will have to bear its share of hardship. More debate is needed about what its due share should be. Mr Fowler can claim that even after the Lawson bounce (which concerned an overrun on allocations however arrived at) there has been no betrayal of his promise that NHS spending as a whole would not be cut.

The commitment to a growth in real terms of half of one per cent a year over the next decade still stands. But there is no escaping the fact that this scheme implies some deterioration of services. Local interest will have to be subordinated to wider interest.

The ten-year commitment falls short of meeting fully the extra demand caused by the growing proportion of old people among us, let alone the extra cost of taking advantage of new developments in medicine. (In the nature of things, technological advance tends more often than in industry to lead to extra costs further down the line, rather than outright savings.) The recent Richmond Fellowship report on services for the mentally ill showed in another context how the praiseworthy ambition to improve patient turnover can have the effect, without proper and responsible planning, of making budgets healthier and patients sicker.

The health debate that is needed in the months ahead must not be conducted in terms of unattainable ideals, whether social or fiscal. But the public has a right to ask that the alternatives be faced with more truth and frankness than they have been up to now, and that whatever hardship may be unavoidable is shared, through compassion and good management, so as best to protect the NHS's most vulnerable customers (who happen also to be its most costly).

NEWS FROM SOUTHERN AFRICA

The restrictions on foreign journalists which the "front line" southern African states have agreed upon in the reporting of their affairs sounded pretty stringent when they were announced in Harare last weekend. Foreign correspondents accredited to South Africa or reporting to bureaux there would not be allowed in any more, and that accounts for most foreign correspondents in the region. The new policy would be applied immediately and "very, very firmly" said Zimbabwe's deputy secretary for information. They wanted a "total information disengagement" from South Africa.

However, the meeting had no sooner broken up before it was stated in Botswana, one of the front liners, that its representative was not authorized to sign the document and the matter had not been discussed by the government. It was also noticed that correspondents based in South Africa would be excluded "in principle" and exceptions would be made of specially invited journalists. And the BBC correspondent, who was required to leave Zimbabwe as the first victim of the ban, was told on parting that he might be invited back again for the 1985 elections, which, if not sarcastic, sounds like a good humoured remark.

Zimbabwe now offers further interpretation: the ban will be selective, depending on whether journalists have or have not given cause for offence in the past. Since these states are already in the habit of exercising their discretion as to which journalists they shall admit, it may be that the old policy may not in the end turn out to be very different from present practice. That is very much to be hoped, for it is to the benefit of all parties that no new barriers be erected.

The ostensible reason for the restriction is that the reporting of foreign correspondents based in South Africa gives credibility to "Pretoria's biased view of reality in southern Africa". That will surprise most of them and it will certainly surprise Pretoria, which has its own restrictions and regards most journalists, home or foreign, as something of a liberal menace.

There is more than a touch of Unescoism in the expression of the new policy with its reference to "a new international information order" and emphasis on regional news agencies. It may also be conceived as a further gesture to impose isolation on South Africa; or as a way of steering foreign correspondents, and the hard currency they bring, towards the black capitals. That is a proper ambition, but they will first have to improve their communications.

Newspapers, news agencies and broadcasters deploy their resources in that region as they do for reasons of economy and working convenience. It would be a great pity if the black African states were to put obstacles in the way of the world reporting of the region's affairs because of any misapprehension about the attitude of the news gathering organizations and their staffs.

NO LAISSEZ-PASSER

The scene is Dover Western Docks. An SNCF car ferry has just arrived. Immigration officials stand ready, bored at the prospect of another stream of Renaults en route for Marks and Spencer and the changing of the guard. But what's this: a *char-à-banc* full of brown maghrebine faces and flowing white robes. Immigration officials, trained to spot an octoroon at twenty paces in the dusk, are having no truck with flimsy *cartes d'identité*. Protestations of EEC citizenship go unheeded; these are obviously would-be illegal immigrants. Send them back.

Fiction, but a not implausible reversal of what may have happened last weekend in Calais, and not for the first time. Imagine the fuss in Paris were the brown faces to belong to Frenchmen. Concern would be justified. France, like Britain, is a nation of colour, its history and empire visible in both *bidonville* and the obligations assumed by the French state towards its ethnic minorities. French port officials are responding to a clear decision by the Mitterrand government to make an issue of race *and immigration*; it seems to have acted with a marked lack of concern for the knock-on effects of its policy for at least one of its EEC neighbours.

The domestic justification for the policy – perhaps scouting that unpleasant brand of blue-collar gallic racialism embraced so warmly by the French Communist Party – is one thing. A lack of care in announcing it to France's allies is another. The French action has left it rather unclear whether the 1971 memorandum of understanding remains in force allowing ad hoc British identity cards to be substituted for full passports. Surely it is in the interests of France, the economy of the Pas De Calais, and the shopkeepers of Boulogne for the trade in day and short-term visits to be encouraged: the non-passport arrangements are a sensible means of dealing with the huge flow and should be retained.

Under the 1971 memorandum citizens of the Commonwealth and the Republic of Ireland have been allowed this excursion privilege. Do the French consider that the new Nationality Act regulations alter the status quo; was the Foreign Office careless in tracing through the consequences of the Act for such minor international obligations as imposed by the memorandum? Both Governments have an educational responsibility in informing the travelling public of any new arrangements.

Meanwhile, the rights of British citizens who happen to be black or brown must be protected in the same way as those of Frenchmen of Martinique or Algerian descent. This protection must extend to harassment from zealous port officials. If black Britons possessing the same documents as their white fellow travellers were, or are ever refused entry to France, it would – as the French themselves semed yesterday to acknowledge – constitute a scandal.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Radioactive waste dumping at sea

From the General Secretary of the National Union of Seamen

Sir, Like charity, concern for the environment begins at home. So I was disappointed to find you had devoted a leading article (July 20) to the activities of Greenpeace in Siberia and the ecological impact of Soviet industrial policies rather than to an environmental controversy now raging here in Britain in which Greenpeace has also been involved.

I refer to plans by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority to dump nearly 4,000 tonnes of deadly radioactive waste some 500 miles from Land's End. This was due to start on July 11 but, thanks to the actions of the National Union of Seamen, the Transport and General Workers' Union and the train drivers' union Aslef, the dump ship Atlantic Fisher has been stranded at Barrow and the waste has failed to reach Sharpness, the port at which it was due to be loaded.

As a result it appears that the UKAEA's plans must now be abandoned and the British Government will be forced to comply with the wishes of a clear majority represented on the London Dumping Convention, the United Nations-sponsored agency which regulates the disposal of all potentially hazardous wastes at sea.

The NUS has been inundated with messages of support from individuals and organizations around the world, including Jacques Cousteau, the mayors of towns and cities along the French and Spanish Atlantic seaboard, scientific groups, environmentalists and seafarers' unions. Given the attitude of our Government towards trade unionism, it is ironic that it has taken a successful act of defiance against Government policy by three unions to protect Britain's good name in the international maritime community.

As you said in an admirable leading article on the subject earlier this year, it is not possible, either technically or politically, to go on using the sea indefinitely as a nuclear dump site. Is it not therefore time for the Government and the UKAEA, which are responsible for dumping 80 per cent of the nuclear waste tipped into the world's oceans, to announce an end to this short-sighted and irresponsible activity?

Yours faithfully,
JIM SLATER, General Secretary,
National Union of Seamen,
Maritime House,
Oldtown,
Clapham, SW4.

Paid jobs for all

From the Chairman of Youth Call

Sir, What I found missing in Mr Francis Bennion's letter (July 28) was a recognition of the fact that there is a host of unmet needs in the community which could be undertaken by those who would otherwise be unemployed, or by young people as part of their training for life. Thousands of such jobs, in care for the elderly and the handicapped, in hospitals and schools, in nature conservation and elsewhere, have been listed in successive reports prepared for the Government or by bodies such as the L.S.E.

The Government is rightly seeking to avoid the creation of meaningless jobs. But it does need to provide the framework and the incentives to enable the community to benefit from the energies of those for whom, as Mr Bennion says, society is unlikely to be able to provide paid jobs in the normal sense. This need cost very little more than what is saved on the dole for those concerned.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS STACEY,
Chairman, Youth Call,
Springfield,
Maidstone,
Kent.
August 1.

Intimations of mortality

From Mr Noel Woolf

Sir, The most specific of all intimations of mortality is to be found on a departmental pass issued to me by the British Museum earlier this year. It has a photograph (mine), a serial number, my name and the baldest possible message: "Expires May 8, 1984".

The time is not included.

I will let you know if it comes to pass.

Yours hopefully
NOEL WOOLF,
Flat 7B, Bedford Towers,
Kings Road,
Brighton,
Sussex.
August 1.

Benefits from over-valued dollar

From Professor H. W. Singer

Sir, In your editorial (August 1) you are very critical and gloomy about the over-valued dollar. But surely there are other ways of looking at this.

If, as you say, the United States may have a trade deficit of $60bn to $100bn (and a somewhat smaller but still very sizable balance of payments deficit) is this not a good thing for the rest of us? If the US sucks in $60bn to $100bn more of our goods than it supplies, does it not help to promote employment and a satisfactory balance of trade position for us here? And also, with 25 per cent of US imports coming from developing countries – does it not help to promote economic development? Why should we complain?

You think that this situation is "*unsustainable*", *but if any economy* in the world can sustain it it would be the US economy; and in any case by the time the situation changes the US trade deficit may have done its good work and converted the vicious deflationary circle of depression and rising unemployment into its reverse beneficial cycle.

Now it is true as you point out that the US sucks in not only our commodities but also our capital. This means that we do not benefit from our export surplus to the US by domestic investment to the extent that we might. But *it still* means that we are commanding claims against the US economy for those future years which you fear so much, when the US will no longer supply us with ready-made dollars through its trade deficit. Moreover as you yourself say the "money is sent to the United States as a haven from political risk".

Can you blame the US for that? Would lower interest rates cure this situation? I think the more likely scenario is that the capital flows to the US would occur for political reasons even if the trade deficit did not exist – would this not be an incomparably worse situation when we would get the worst of both worlds?

Long live the US trade deficit!

Yours faithfully,
H. W. SINGER,
Institute of Development Studies,
University of Sussex,
Brighton.
August 2.

From Sir Alan Neale

Sir, Your leader on the overvalued dollar (August 1) shows no awareness that the conditions you criticize are an inescapable consequence of the monetarist doctrines which in other contexts you support.

As you say, economic logic would expect a country with a huge current account deficit to have a weak currency. Then with floating exchange rates its exports will be cheap in world markets and its imports dear in the home market; and the system will adjust towards a new balance.

But once all eyes are turned to the money supply, the main component of which is the lending of the country's domestic banking system, it is seen as essential to meet any sign of expansion by raising interest rates. Then in a country like the USA, where there is no danger whatever of default, vast quantities of mobile international funds are moved to take advantage of the interest rate differential.

Now the country with the weak current account goes, as you say, to the top of the currency league. Instead of setting in train an adjustment process, it imports other people's money and further restricts its own economic activity and employment. But this is monetarism: the surprise is that you should be surprised.

Yours faithfully
ALAN NEALE,
95 Swains Lane, N6.

Parents and Pill

From Mrs Birgit Carolin

Sir, I have been following with interest the case brought against the West Norfolk and Wisbech Health Authority by Mrs Victoria Gillick concerning the provision of contraceptive advice to girls under 16.

Having three daughters myself, I partly understand her feelings, but am relieved she lost her case. Surely her fears for her own daughters are groundless, since no doctor would prescribe contraceptives without her girls' specific request, which, in view of their firm Catholic upbringing, seems highly unlikely.

Girls lacking such guidance and control, however, have a right, it seems to me, to the confidential counsel and advice of a doctor, whose concern is not only for the young girl, but also for her unwanted child.

The present legal situation seems to reflect our society's deep ambivalence towards sexual experience amongst the young. Perhaps the time has come to review the law.

A girl under 16 is, apparently, regarded as a passive recipient rather than an active participant in the act of intercourse. If this were so, which I question, the law, as it now stands, offers her poor protection. In practice, without the evidence of conception, it is virtually unworkable and, even then, or in the extreme case of rape, very rarely invoked by her parents, however concerned they may be for her moral and physical welfare.

As parents we recognise that our sons and daughters must, one day, take full responsibility for themselves, in sexual as in all other aspects of their lives. Independence of thought and action, supported by adults, must necessarily involve the loosening of parental bonds.

I do not encourage or condone promiscuity; I am in favour of responsible parenthood. Without abdicating my own responsibility as a parent, I am glad to know that anyone's daughter, including my *own, has a recognised right to* contraceptive advice, in confidence, under the NHS. But I should like to see the law revised to take into account the growing autonomy of young people in the important area of sex.

Yours sincerely,
BIRGIT CAROLIN,
37 Blackheath Park, SE3.

From Mrs Pat King

Sir, It is amazing that parents may *now exempt their children from* corporal punishment in schools but may have no power in the much larger issue about contraceptives being prescribed for their under-aged daughters. Surely someone under 16 is either a child or not a child.

Perhaps if there were a little more punishment and moral teaching in schools and a little less sex education there would be less need for contraceptives for girls and boys under 16.

Yours faithfully
PAT KING
26B Clifton Road,
Tettenhall,
Wolverhampton.
West Midlands.
July 30.

Night time 'nuisance'

From Mr W. John Parkman

Sir, The query by Mr Maslen, National Farmers' Union (July 26), *as to how long Mr Bertram has been* living next to farmland would seem to be of much less relevance in the light of the ITV programme, *Against the Grain* (July 26) which referred to "our changing countryside, thanks to subsidies being given to farmers for foodstuffs we do not want."

Whilst Mr Maslen's corollary of a disturbance "for a very few hours per year" is valid, a more prevalent and protracted "nuisance" than night farming is the use of the automatic explosive gas gun aimed at preventing birds attacking crops. The resultant detonations from dawn to dusk over periods of approximately three weeks total many thousands and with two or three guns in operation the intervals between explosions are often reduced to seconds.

If such devices were effective the community generally would be more inclined to agree with Mr Maslen's comment that "such spells of seasonal disturbances are an essential accompaniment of the peace and beauty which reigns during the rest *of the* year".

Sadly, however, this is not the case, as these contrivances hold no fear for our feathered friends, who ignore the blasts. The more timid can be observed rising a few feet into the air with each explosion and dropping back down to resume their feeding.

Surely in this day and age of advanced scientific research and high technology the National Farmers' Union is able to help devise an economical and effective deterrent to aid troubled members protect their crops.

I am, Sir, yours truly,
W. JOHN PARKMAN,
Hyde Orchard,
Weston-under-Penyard,
Ross-on-Wye,
Herefordshire.
July 27.

Transport in London

From Mr Cyril J. H. Taylor

Sir, The Conservative group on the Greater London Council believes that London Transport should remain under the supervision of a democratically elected London-wide local authority. We therefore oppose Government plans to transfer London Transport from the GLC to the Department of Transport.

However, your leader of July 27 criticizing the details of the White Paper is not justified. Surely, the *worst* thing the Secretary of State for Transport could have done would be *to set up a huge new quango with its* own rate precepting powers. He has avoided this by recommending instead that London Transport be reorganized on a *commercial* basis, with a single board, consisting of business and transport experts.

If the minister appoints a chief executive of the calibre of Sir Michael Edwardes or Ian MacGregor, there is a good possibility that his proposed structure would achieve an efficient low-cost and reliable public transport system in London.

You criticise the minister for not giving sufficient scope for privatisation. Yet he has removed the traffic commissioner function from London Transport so they will no longer be able to veto competition to *themselves*. Presumably the *new* traffic commissioner will be given the task of encouraging alternative private forms of transport.

Where the White Paper is weak is on the crucially important integration of British Rail commuter services with those of London Transport. Mr King's liaison committee sounds a vague way to achieve this. If it is too complicated at this time to transfer responsibility for the BR commuter services to the new London Regional Transport company, then a statutory public transport operator partnership should be set up to ensure that wasteful duplication of services is avoided and that fares and ticketing are integrated.

London's ratepayers should also be under no delusions that transfer of London Transport from the GLC to the Government will mean that their rate bills will be reduced. Unfortunately, the White Paper indicates that the Treasury will recoup its subsidy to London Transport by lowering the rate-support grant paid to London's boroughs.

Some boroughs may even pay more on a net basis, since neither Westminster nor the City of London, who jointly enjoy 28 per cent of London's rate base, receive any rate-support grant and could not, therefore, have their rate-support grant reduced. Presumably, their share will have to be absorbed by the other 30 boroughs, unless a special tax is levied on Westminster and the City of London.

Finally, we will need to know more about the minister's views on subsidy and fare levels. Given time, progress on reducing overmanning and fraud losses would enable a reasonably priced London Transport service to be operated without subsidies substantially in excess of those recommended by the Government in its 1983 Transport Act. However, if London Transport's existing revenue fares subsidy was reduced suddenly from the current £210m to the £110m recommended by the Transport Act, then fares would have to be increased by at least 20 per cent.

Yours faithfully,
CYRIL TAYLOR,
Members' Lobby,
Greater London Council,
The County Hall, SE1.
July 27.

Pain and anger of Armenians

From Mr D. M. Thomas

Sir, No one who has talked with peaceable Armenians, and who has read Armenian poetry, could imagine that the pain and anger over the massacres of 1915 need to be cultivated by an alien power, as Roger Scruton suggests (July 26).

Likewise, I have heard too many speak, with still-living sorrow, of their families, all but wiped out two generations ago, for me to doubt that something terrible took place. Whether half a million, or a million, or a million and a half, were killed is academic, like the exact number of Jews led into the gas chambers.

If the modern generation of Germans said to the Jews, in effect, "It never happened; or if it did it has been greatly exaggerated, and in any case is none of our business" – one can imagine the feelings of Jews.

The Armenians suffer from an unacknowledged genocide: that is one crucial reason why the events of 1915 – so far, far away from Mr Scruton's *Salisbury Review* – are only a step away from every Armenian.

How chillingly *The Times* article verified Hitler's sardonic remark when he first mooted the final solution: "Who now remembers the Armenians?"

It seems to me, as an outsider, that if only the Turks could say: "it happened, and we're sorry", the anger of moderate Armenians would be eased, and their few extremists would have no cover for their continuing the cycle of barbarity. Mr Scruton's article, on the other hand, can only entrench bitterness, not promote reconciliation.

Yours etc,
D. M. THOMAS,
10 Greyfriars Avenue,
Hereford.
July 26.

Going to the zoo

From Sir Richard Way

Sir, Your editorial, "Going to the Zoo" (July 23) deals in a generally fair way with a topical and important question. But in certain respects it creates an impression about the London Zoo and Whipsnade which, in my view as a member of the council of only five years and therefore not particularly *defensive about the past, does them* less than justice.

The best zoos are indeed "institutions of research and conservation" and London can pride intself on its leading position in both respects. It would be an outrage, however, to set out to conserve exotic species, or indeed to be responsible for any animals, without being able to provide first-class veterinary and other services. It is not, by definition, a narrowly commercial operation and this is demonstrated by the fact that every other comparable zoo in the world has long been either subsidised or wholly maintained from public funds.

As you say, the London Zoo "has had to be bailed out by the state more than once"; in its 157 years of existence, twice to be precise (both occasions in the 1960s) if one excepts the current situation on which discussions are proceeding with the Government.

Your remark that the Zoo "disdains commerce", tempered by your recognition of "some signs of unbending in the last year or two", is certainly misleading and a little unfair. In the five years since I have been on its council the question of how to attract more visitors has been constantly discussed. The fact that we have so far failed may possibly indicate a lack of imagination, but is is certainly not due to any failure to recognise the crucial importance of this objective.

It is not, as you suggest, the society's charter which restricts our freedom on "the showbusiness side" but the fact that, in London, we operate wholly within a royal park and are (rightly in my view) much more inhibited in the measures we can adopt to attract customers than we should be elsewhere.

Finally, I wonder whether, before alleging that the society is too secretive, you glanced at the annual report. It is an absolute mine of information of all sorts.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD WAY,
Monroe Farm,
Shalden,
Alton,
Hampshire.

Nameless JPs

From Mr Peter Embrey

Sir, Jurors *are* named in open court, not once but twice: when selected, and when sworn.

Since this is contrary to what Mr Hill (July 19) implies, can any reader suggest a reason for magistrates being *treated differently*?

Yours faithfully,
PETER EMBREY,
19 Edith Road,
Barons Court, W14.

Well held, sir

From Mr W. J. B. Salisbury

Sir, One treasured and most welcome incident in the recent Test match was not mentioned by your Cricket Correspondent (report, August 2). Randall held a catch at mid-on, but he didn't throw the ball high into the air and rush to join his teammates, as now seems to be the fashion. He simply put it in his pocket.

In these days such agreeable behaviour should be encouraged.

Yours faithfully,
W. J. B. SALISBURY,
Gardena,
Back Lane,
Draycott,
Cheddar,
Somerset,
Avon.
August 2.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 3: His Excellency Mr Yehuda Avner was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Israel to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mr Moshe Raviv (Minister Plenipotentiary), Mr Sinai Rome (Minister-Counsellor, Consular Affairs), Mrs Rivka Sivan (Minister-Counsellor, Consular Affairs), Colonel Yigal Lotan (Defence and Armed Forces Attaché), Mr David Peleg (Counsellor – Information), Mr Yaacov Keinan (Counsellor – Press), Dr Yehoyada Haim (Counsellor) and Mr Kariel Gardosh (Counsellor).

Mrs Avner had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Antony Acland (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr W. E. H. Whyte was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands on his appointment as British High Commissioner to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Mrs Whyte had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

The Queen, Air Commodore-in-Chief, the Royal Air Force Regiment, received Air Vice-Marshal H. Reed-Purvis on relinquishing his appointment as Commandant-General and Air Vice-Marshal J. F. G. Howe on assuming the appointment.

KENSINGTON PALACE
August 3: The Prince of Wales, Patron of the Appeal for the rebuilding of the National Spinal Injuries Centre at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, this morning opened and toured the new Centre at Stoke Mandeville, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Their Royal Highnesses, attended by Mr David Roycroft and Mrs George West, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
August 2: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was represented by HM Ambassador at Berne (His Excellency Mr J. E. Powell-Jones) at the Funeral of Mr David Niven which was held at the Church of St Peter, Chateau d'Oex, Switzerland, this afternoon.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother is 83 today.

The Duke of Kent, as patron and president, will attend the British Computer Society's annual meeting at 13, Mansfield Street, London W1, on October 26.

The Duke of Kent will visit the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment at Malvern, Hereford and Worcester, on October 27.

The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit the Telecom '83 exhibition in Geneva on October 28.

The Duke of Kent, as honorary president, will attend the presidential dinner of the Royal Geographical Society at the Savoy Hotel, London, WC2, on October 31.

The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit the headquarters of the Simplification of International Trade Procedures Board at Almack House, London, SW1, on November 2.

Princess Alexandra will attend a Reception given by the president of the Institution of Environmental Health Officers, at the Old Ship Hotel, Brighton, East Sussex, on the occasion of the centenary year congress on September 7.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. J. Atwell and Miss A. E. Nicholson
The engagement is announced between James, only son of Dr and Mrs Derrick Atwell, of Sheffield, and Amanda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. T. R. Nicholson, of Merstham, Surrey.

Captain A. F. Boddy and Dr E. D. Rice
The engagement is announced between Adrian Franklyn Boddy, The 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers, younger son of Captain R. R. H. Boddy, CBE, RN, of Haresfield, Gloucestershire, and of the late Mrs M. J. Boddy, and Elizabeth Daphne, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs H. M. Rice, of Car Colston, Nottinghamshire.

Mr I. Collett and Miss I. Hendy
The engagement is announced between Ian, only son of Mr and Mrs G. W. Collett, of Elsenham, Hertfordshire, and Isabel, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. C. Hendy, of Abridge, Essex.

Mr J. T. L. Cross and Miss F. H. Crawford
The engagement is announced between James Thomas Laidlaw, elder son of the Rev J. H. L. and Mrs Cross, of Calonne Road, Wimbledon, and Fiona Helen, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Iain Crawford, of Higham, nr Rochester, Kent.

Mr R. J. Douglas and Miss C. M. Hutchinson Smith
The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs G. R. Douglas, of Thorganby House, Grimsby, Lincolnshire, and Celia, daughter of Group Captain and Mrs D. W. Hutchinson Smith, of Hinton, Whitchurch, Shropshire.

Mr D. J. Gunn and Miss E. M. Tratt
The engagement is announced between David James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G. D. Gunn, of Highbanks, Roman Road, Bleadon, nr Weston-super-Mare, and Elizabeth Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G. F. Tratt, of Wick Farm, Lympsham, Somerset.

Mr D. C. Lovell-Pank and Miss D. S. Byford
The engagement is announced between Dorian Christopher, son of the late Mr C. E. Lovell-Pank, of Madrid, and the late Mrs Jean McPherson de Oliva-Day, of Buenos Aires and Cape Town, and Diana Shuttleworth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael C. Byford, of Bevingdon, Belchamp Otten, Sudbury, Suffolk.

Mr R. G. Moinet and Miss B. J. Milne
The engagement is announced between Robin, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. K. Moinet, of Gloucester, and Barbara, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Milne, of Edge, Gloucestershire.

Mr R. L. Paquin and Miss A. L. Wilson
The engagement is announced between Renaud Lionel, son of M Bernard Paquin, of 12 rue d'Anjou, Paris 8ieme, and Mme Wally Karveno, of Paris, and Amanda Louise, daughter of Mr Charles Wilson, of 12 Wellington Square, London, SW3, and Mrs Vivien Wilson, of Les Saintes Maries de la Mer, France.

Mr K. M. St. C. van Hasselt and Miss C. Prowse
The engagement is announced between Kelvin, eldest son of Mr Marc van Hasselt, of Cranleigh, Surrey, and Mrs Douglas A. S. Webster, of Kippford, Kirkcudbrightshire, and Christine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian A. Prowse, of Ridgewood, East Sussex.

Mr J. F. S. Walker and Miss P. X. Lane
The engagement is announced between Julian Francis Scutts, elder son of Mr and Mrs K. W. S. Walker, of 14 Billett Avenue, Waterlooville, Hampshire, and Philippa Xanthe, younger daughter of Mr D. W. Y. Lane, of Weybridge, and Mrs M. D. Clarke, of Claverdon, Warwickshire.

Mr M. J. C. Watts and Miss K. E. Spivey
The marriage will take place shortly between Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs C. E. Watts, of Moor Park, Hertfordshire, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Spivey, of Hale, Cheshire.

Dr M. R. Wigan and Miss C. Elger
The engagement is announced between Marcus, son of Mrs P. Simpson, of Javea, Spain, and the late Mr E. Wigan, of Barnham, Sussex, and Christina, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Elger, of Caringbah, New South Wales. The marriage will take place at The Willows, St Kilda Road, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, on Sunday, September 4, 1983.

Mr S. C. Willes and Miss A. P. Downey
The engagement is announced between Simon Charles, only son of Mr and Mrs M. C. Willes, of Aldsworth, Gloucestershire, and Alison Paula, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G. S. Downey, of Cobham, Surrey.

Marriages

Viscount Melgund and Miss D. B. Trafford
The marriage took place at the Church of the Holy Trinity Rudgwick, on Saturday, of Viscount Melgund, son of the Earl of Minto and Lady Caroline Ogilvy, and Miss Diana Trafford, younger daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs Brian Trafford. The Rev T. A. B. Charles and the Rev W. A. Tighe officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by the Hon William Child-Villiers, William Horsburgh, Flora Davidson, Rose Davidson, Vanessa Lyndon-Skeggs and Tessa Lyndon-Skeggs. Mr Simon Mann was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr R. W. G. Vernon and Miss I. J. Noel-Baker
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 30, at St Peter's church, Lynchmere, between Mr Roland Vernon, son of Mrs Jeremy Peake and stepson of the Rev Jeremy Peake, of Athens, and Miss Irene Noel-Baker, daughter of the Hon. Francis and Mrs Noel-Baker, of Euboea, Greece. The Rev Austen Williams officiated and the Rev Jeremy Peake celebrated the nuptial eucharist.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Laura Pitt and Rossana, Tara and Eliot Vernon. Mr Christopher Purves was best man.

The music was provided by organ and choral scholars of King's College, Cambridge.

A reception was held at Danley Farm, Lynchmere, and the honeymoon will be spent in Norway.

Mr J. W. Dyson and Miss C. M. Curtis
The marriage took place on July 27 at Kensington and Chelsea Register Office, between Mr John William Dyson, son of Mrs Pamela Dyson, Wimbledon, London, and Miss Corrine Melanie Curtis, daughter of Mrs Marjorie Curtis, Grimsby, South Humberside.

Mr M. Lewis and Miss J. Strong
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 23, at Christ Church-St James' Church, Edinburgh between Mr Michael Lewis and Miss Jane Strong. The Rev Charles Strong officiated, assisted by the Rev Rodney Grant. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Clare and Hilary Strong, nieces of the bride. Mr David Gooding was best man.

A reception was held at the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh. The honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr C. H. Lovell and Miss A. M. Livock
The marriage took place on Thursday, July 21, in Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, of Mr Christopher Henry Lovell and Miss Anita Mary Livock. They are now living in the Parish of Trinity, Jersey, Channel Islands.

Latest wills

Third Viscount Brentford, of Newick, East Sussex, solicitor, who, as Lancelot Joynson-Hicks, was Conservative MP for Chichester 1942-58, left estate valued at £394,401 net.

Mrs Ruby Bruce, of Hove, East Sussex, left estate valued at £364,922 net. She left £32,000 and effects variously to personal legatees, and the residue equally between the Sussex Trust for Nature Conservation, Brighton, the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, National Kidney Research Fund, War on Want, and the British Heart Foundation.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Cawdor, Dowager Countess, of Whitchurch, Ross-on-Wye, Hereford and Worcester, intestate £46,252

Geddes, Mr Guy Turner, of Chelsea, London £330,381

Gilbey, Mr Christopher John Barwick of Membury, Newbury, Berkshire £528,350

Hingston, The Rev John Hamilton Noel, of Lewes, East Sussex £228,857

Swire, Mr John Kidston, of Harlow, Essex, chairman of the China Association 1951-55 £930,918

Andrews, Mr James William, of Swanwick, Derbyshire, intestate £507,963

Erith, Miss Eleanor, of Reigate, Surrey £357,792

Hill, Captain Leslie Alfred, of Woolton Hill, Near Newbury, Berkshire, former Master of the Canberra £60,154

Birthdays today

Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick Bayly, 69; Mr Paul Beard, 82; Mr David Bedford, 46; Mr William Cooper, 73; Sir Rustam Feroze, 63; Sir George Godber, 75; Air Marshall Sir Victor Groom, 85; Miss Georgina Hale, 40; General Sir Reginald Hewetson, 75; Sir Harold Hobson, 79; Sir Osbert Lancaster, 75; Mr Simon Preston, 45; Mr Peter Squires, 32; Sir Frederick Tymms, 94; Sir Thomas Wedderspoon, 79.

Mr Yehuda Avner, the new Israeli Ambassador to Britain, leaving his embassy yesterday to present his letters of credence to the Queen at Buckingham Palace. Mr Avner, who was accompanied by Sir John Richards, Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, succeeds Mr Shlomo Argov, who was shot in London 14 months ago. (Photograph: John Voos).

Funeral

Mr J. M. Archibald
The funeral of Mr James Montgomery Archibald took place yesterday at St Botolph without Bishopsgate. The Rev Alan Tanner officiated. The lesson was read by Mr T. S. R. Hardy and Lord Birkett gave an address. The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and Mrs Prior were present and the Minister for Trade was represented by Miss Mary Giles. Others present included:

Mrs Archibald (widow), Mr Simon Archibald and Mr Myles Archibald (sons), Miss Eileen Stafford, Mr Brian Stafford.

Sir Richard Neville, Sir Andrew Carnwath, Sir Ian Hunter, Mr and Mrs John Bickford Smith, Mr Peter Bowring, Mrs John Whitney, Mr and Mrs Peter Gardiner, Mrs James Bredin, Mr Luke Rittner (secretary-general, Arts Council), Mr and Mrs Richard Arnell, Mr Walter Picker (Master of the Musicians' Company), Mr Guy Edmiston (Deputy Master of the Horners' Company), Mr Frank Steiner (Vice-President of the Royal Toxophilite Society and Clerk to the Fletchers' Company).

Mrs Christopher Bostock (representing the South Westminster Justices), Mr Cyril Cork (vice-principal, Trinity College), Major D A Imlay (bursar, Royal College of Music), Mr Bruce Nightingale (director, Films Department, British Council), Mr John May (representing the Association of British Orchestras), Mr Ian Stoutzker (chairman, Live Music Now) with Miss Sheila Gold, Mr Stuart Watson (representing the Institute of Directors), Miss Virginia Harding (City Arts Trust), Mr M H Glazier, Mr Anthony Reed, Mr J Farrer-Brown (Richards, Butler and Company), Mrs L Gifford (representing Aldeburgh Cinema), Mr George Frith (representing Mercury Theatres) and Liverymen of the Bowyers' Company.

Church news

The Rev S G D Parkinson, vicar of Horbury Junction, diocese of Wakefield: to be vicar of Hanging Heaton, same diocese.
The Rev D J Paxman, chaplain of Howell's School, Denbigh, diocese of St Asaph: to be vicar of Lakenheath, diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.
The Rev W M Powell, vicar of All Saints, Guildford, diocese of Guildford: to be team rector of All Saints, Headley, same diocese.
The Rev P D Stubley, the Bishop of Chelmsford's ecumenical officer and priest-in-charge of Great Totham, diocese of Chelmsford: to be a member of the North Humberside industrial chaplaincy team and priest-in-charge of St Mary, Lowgate, Hull, diocese of York.

Canon B M Richards: to be a canon emeritus of Gloucester Cathedral.
The Rev P L Towers, team vicar of Winterbourne Earls in the Bourne Valley team ministry, diocese of Salisbury: to be assistant chaplain of Oundle School, diocese of Peterborough.
The Rev D St C Tudor, curate of St Matthew, Redhill, doicese of Southwark: to be minister, conventional district, St Philip, Reigate, same diocese.
Canon A J C Turner: to be canon emeritus of Gloucester Cathedral.
The Rev R E Wheaton, vicar of St Mary and St Martin, Blyth, diocese of Southwell: to be also rural dean of Worksop, same diocese.

Dinner

Reform Club
Mr Ian MacGregor, Chairman of the National Coal Board, was the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner given last night by the Economics Group of the Reform Club. Mr Douglas Llambias, chairman of the group, presided.

London University

The Departments of Visual Science and Pathology at the Institute of Ophthalmology, London University, have been awarded £12,150 from the Medical Research Council to study the phagocytic activities of trabecular meshwork cells.

Birthday portrait

A new portrait in oils of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother goes on show in the National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh, today to coincide with her eighty-third birthday. The portrait is by Avigdor Arikha, the Israeli artist.

First-class degrees: The City and Salford

The City University, London

The following have gained first class honours at the City University, London:

B Sc
Civil engineering: D C Dales, Caistor GS; M R Everitt, Banbury GS; K P Kwan Cheung, Royal C; D Richardson, Greenway GS; S J Skinner, Chace GS.
Mechanical engineering: J R Batchelor, Q Eliz Boys' S; T K P Cheong, Barking C; I P Taylor, Chatham House GS.
Electronic engineering: S Cvetkovic, Belgrade HS; N J Huzan, St Benedicts S.
Electrical and electronic engineering: P C Knock, Chelmer Valley HS.
Computer engineering: K W Blackmun, Slough and Eton GS; A S S Goumous, Beeston C; J Rose, N London C; P Rose, N London C.
Environmental engineering (buildings): R J Mangham, Campion GS; A T Mower, Brighton C.
Systems and management: R M Baker, Bristol GS; R L Flood, Bulmershe CS.
Control, instrumentation and systems engineering: D A Crosta, Brighton, Hove and Sussex GS; J Daniels, Hymers C; P J Turner, Haywards Heath C.
Aeronautical engineering: E N Jal, Blundells GS; S L Li, Hong Kong P.
Air transport engineering: R A Freeman, Hall Green C; S P Mason, Reigate GS.
Actuarial science: Diane K M Chung, Southwark C; L S Fong, Rossall S.
Mathematics: Sarah J Shewell, Horsham HS.
Business computing systems: C H Turner, Ravensbourne GS.
Computer science: C C Hong, Tar C.
Physics: G H Buckler, Shrewsbury C; R Webb, John Leggott C.
Industrial chemistry: S B Smith, Pembroke GS.
Chemical and administrative sciences: Virginia M S Ainley, Farnborough C; A R Wagner, Caludon Castle Comp.
Economics and accountancy: H Barma, Diocesan S.
Psycology with nursing studies: Diane E Bygrave, Stratton GS.
Banking and international finance: J D Beckman, Mayflower Comp; C P O'Brien, E Barnet Upper S.
Business studies: S C Khajuria, Barnet C.
Optometry (ophthalmic optics): Vivienne H L Cowper, Nottingham Girls HS; Kirstine A Fraser, Stockton C; Mary G Green, Aylesbury HS.
Chemical engineering: Pauline A Doherty, St Louise's Comp, Belfast; R M Ladwa, Deacon's S, Peterborough; D M Painter, J Willmott S, Sutton Coldfield.
Natural gas engineering: D P Brown, Sir T Rich's GS, Gloucester; M A Sharpe, Rawlins Upper S, Quorn.
Building surveying: H Hunter, Lancaster R GS and Morecambe CFE.
Civil engineering: J Taylor, Canon Slade Comp, Bolton; N Z Zakaria, Mara Jun Science C, Malaysia, Hastings CFE.
Environmental sciences: Avis M Greenwell, Kidderminster HS for Girls' Keele University.
Bio-medical electronics: Sherrin M Boleman, St Dominic's HS Stoke on Trent, S Cheshire CFE; April T Patterson, Parkview Comp, Chester le Street.
Electrical engineering: J S Bates, Farnworth GS, Bolton; M J Fedeczko, Q Eliz HS, Manch; J J Hunt, Pensby Sec S, Irby, N Wirral C of Tech, Birkenhead; M K Jones, Queens' Park HS, Chester, N Wirral C of Tech; C Woodman, W Perry Comp, Lpool, N Wirral C of Tech.
Electrical engineering science: S N Foster, St Edmund Arrowsmith HS, Ashton in Makerfield, St Helen's Tech C; D E Robson, Wyndham S, Egremont, Stockport C; A G Tomlinson, Bradbury Comp, Stockport C.
Electronic communications: B H Goh, Victoria S, Singapore, Singapore C; A Hind, Ilkeston S, Derbyshire; J T A Hook, Countyhill Comp, Oldham; J C D Tooze, Barnstaple GS, Exeter C; P Wells, Park HS, Colne, Nelson and Colne C.
Electronic computer systems: T McKenzie, Foxford S, Coventry, Coventry Tech C; R A Milliken, Coldicot Comp, Gwent CHE.
Electronics: S G Diesner, Holy Cross RC HS, Chorley, Blackburn C of Tech; N Linge, Wolsingham Comp, Bishop Auckland; P A Thwaite, Cross Green S, Leeds, Park Lane C Leeds; P A Tottle, Westwood HS, Leek.
Joint honours in science: C Bradshaw, Hyde GS, Cheshire; Jane Chu, Fallowfield Church HS, Manch; B E Crichton, Millfield S, Somerset.
Applied biochemistry: N P Patel, Menzies HS, West Bromwich; S M Winter, Maidstone S for Boys.
Applied biology: Tamara I A Roach, Hesketh HS, Fleetwood.
Biology: Julie M Fyles, Manch Poly.
Applied chemistry: H S M Allen, Johnson Sec S, Durham; T P Davis, Bishop Walsh Sec S, Sutton Coldfield; S Holdroft, Tameside C of Tech, Ashton under Lyne; S W Jones, Caerleon Comp, Gwent; J M Schofield, Salesian S, Chertsey; N Temple-Heald, Oldham C of Tech.
Applied physics: M Ashraf, Chorlton HS, Manch, N Trafford C, Manch.
Health physics and environmental physics: P M Dark, The Becket S, Nottingham.
Physics: S J Gee, Marple Ridge HS, Stockport.

Salford University

The following first class honours degrees have been awarded at Salford University:

BSc:
Aeronautical engineering science: I R Belcher, Whitby Co Comp.
Mechanical engineering: M F Callaghan, Preston RC C, Leyland Motors Tech C; M J Wallis, Crescent Sec S, Dukinfield, Tameside C of Tech, Aston under Lyne; M A Wilcock, Leigh C.
Mechanical engineering science: M L Brown, R Smyth S, Market Harborough; N C Wright, T P Riley Comp, Walsall.
Electroacoustics: I P Lewis, K Ed VII S, Sheff; J W Marshall, Rossall S, Fleetwood.
BA:
Joint honours in arts and social sciences: Julie F Hilton, Canon Slade S, Bolton; D C Simpson, Maryhill Comp, Stoke on Trent.
BSc:
Social sciences: Faith G Delaney, Rivington and Blackrod GS, Horwich, Wigan Mining and Tech C; Lorne A Warren, Stoke Park S, Coventry.
Economics: S J Barrow, Mayfield HS, Dagenham.
BA:
Modern languages: Jennifer C Akerman, Woking SFC; Susan G Grimsey, Foyle and Londonderry C; Teresa B Lander, Collegiate Girls' S, Leicester.
Politics and history of industrial society: R W Garner, Charles Keene CFE, Leicester.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Donald James Nicholls, QC, and **Mr Philip Howard Otton, QC**, to be Judges of the High Court, in succession to Mr Justice Foster and Mr Justice Talbot, respectively, who are retiring. The Lord Chancellor will assign Mr Nicholls to the Chancery Division and Mr Otton to the Queen's Bench Division. The appointments will take effect at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term.

Mr Charles Kemp Davidson, QC, Dean of the Faculty of Advocates, to be a Judge in the Scottish Court of Session.

Professor Hamish Miles to be a member of the Museums and Galleries Commission, in succession to Sir Charles Wilson.

Mr Edwin Nixon, Chairman and Chief Executive of IBM UK, to be chairman of the new Joint Board for Pre-Vocational Education.

Miss Joan Sadler, Principal of The Cheltenham Ladies' College, to be chairman of the Boarding Schools Association, in succession to Mr John Kendall-Carpenter.

OBITUARY

MR JAMES ARCHIBALD

Film producer and director

Mr James Archibald MBE, JP who died on July 25 at the age of 63 possessed a remarkable combination of business ability, social grace and the imagination and drive of an artist of originality, qualities which he brought to his work as a film producer, writer and director. He was chairman and managing director of James Archibald & Associates from 1963.

James Montgomery Archibald was born on April 3, 1920, the son of a regular army officer, Brigadier Gordon Archibald DSO, who counselled him not to go into the Army and allowed him to go as a day boy to Westminster School. He went up to Merton College, Oxford in 1938 where he gained a half-blue for fencing and, eventually took his MA.

Just before the outbreak of war, he was seconded to Sir William Fraser, Petroleum Adviser to the War Office, and was instructed in the art of blowing up oil installations, which he was able to practise in France, following Dunkirk.

With the Special Forces, he was dropped by parachute many times into occupied France. Later, he served in Yugoslavia with Lieutenant-Colonel (Sir) Bill Deakin. James Archibald was himself a Lieutenant-Colonel at 23 and was appointed MBE for his work in Yugoslavia. On being discharged from the Army in 1947, he was given a special assignment in Switzerland with the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company which lasted for three years.

After some further study at Oxford he became, in 1950, Assistant to Mr (now Sir) John Davis of the Rank Organisation. There began his abiding interest in the moving picture. He was the managing director's representative at the Pinewood Studios and at Denham Laboratories, with wide responsibilities.

In 1956, he moved to J. Walter Thompson Limited, where he became a director and used his experience in film-making to great advantage, introducing first-class talent from the film world into commercial television.

By 1963 he was able to achieve his ambition of becoming an independent film maker. He won much praise and many awards for his documentary films for industry and about music and the arts. Just before he died, he finished an hour-long film for the Royal College of Music Centenary Year. In all these activities Sheila, his wife, whom he married in 1956, was his partner and producer.

Painting and music were great interests in James Archibald's life. He was involved in the work of numerous music and arts charities and institutions as disparate as Yehudi Menuhin's Live Music Now!, of which he was a founder and first chairman; Trinity College of Music, London; and the new National Jazz Centre, of which he was also chairman.

He was chairman of the National Music Council for six years from 1974.

James Archibald was above all concerned about the community in which he lived and particularly about young people and the quality of their life. He was a strong believer in the benefits to be gained from well-organised comprehensive education; a belief he demonstrated by sending his two sons to a London comprehensive.

He had an acute sense of history, exemplified by his love of archery and membership of the Worshipful Company of Bowyers, of which he was the current Master. He served the community as a Justice of the Peace in Inner London for eighteen years. He held to old-fashioned ideals of loyalty and unselfishness and was devoted in his service to others.

He leaves a widow and two sons.

MISS JOSEPHINE FOSS

Miss Josephine Foss, MBE, who died on July 25 at the age of 96 had devoted a lifetime of missionary service to China, South Africa, Singapore and Malaya.

Born on March 19, 1887, she taught in Britain for seven years before training to become a missionary at St Denys College, Warminster. Appointed in 1914 by the Society (now the United Society) for the Propagation of the Gospel to work at St Faith's School, in Peking, she travelled to China alone by train. Contracting tuberculosis in China she eventually returned to Europe to recover, in 1919.

From 1921 to 1924 she taught in South Africa, at St Chad's College, Ladysmith, and in 1924 again became an SPG missionary, going to Malaya where she worked at St Mary's School, Kuala Lumpur, and then as head mistress at the Pudu English School.

She was in Malaya when the Japanese invaded and was interned in the notorious Changi jail. Here she did memorable work among the women, helping to keep morale up, organizing sewing parties to make clothes for the prison population and, surreptitiously arranging opportunities for husbands and wives to meet during her periods of dustbin duty. In Changi her weight dropped from 10st to 5st 12lb.

After release she went, after recovering from her privations to South Africa again, this time to become Principal of St Hilda's College, Ladysmith. From 1949 she became Senior Welfare Officer for the Protection of Women and Girls in Malaya and from 1953, though well past retirement age, she became a liaison officer for the Church in the new villages of Malaya round Ipoh. From 1955 until her retirement in 1959 she was an assistant teacher at St Thomas's School, Kuching.

In all these posts Josephine Foss's knowledge of the languages of the Far East was of invaluable service to her and to the people with whom she came in contact. She had a good knowledge of Mandarin and Malay and more than a smattering of Cantonese, Hakka and Japanese.

After her retirement she returned to London where among other things, without rancour for past events, she taught English to many Japanese visitors in her flat in West Hampstead. A woman of indomitable character she seemed to have survived the Changi experience unscathed and often in her cheerful way talked of the Changi "old school tie". Other survivors of Changi will remember the example of fortitude she set to everyone.

MAJ FREDERICK BRABY

D. R. W. Bryant writes:

Major Frederick C. Braby who in 1925 joined, not "formed", as in your tribute of July 25, Frederick Braby & Company, was also for many years connected with the Scout movement. Before the war he was District Commissioner for Deptford and during the 1950s and 60s was County Commissioner for Kent.

He was also connected with the management of the "Seaside Camp for London Boys" which provided cheap holidays under canvas for work lads. Parties went from the Deptford works of Frederick Braby & Co. until 1951.

Maeve Peake, the widow of Mervyn Peake the artist and writer, died on August 3. A painter herself, she also wrote, as Maeve Gilmore, the memoir of her husband, *A World Away* (1970) and with Shelagh Johnson, edited an edition of his writings and drawings, which was published in 1975. Peake, whom she married in 1937, died in 1968.

Science report

Harwell lasers light the way for industry

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

Scientists at the United Kingdom Atomic Energy research laboratories at Harwell investigating the behaviour of chemical reactors have developed a unique method of measuring the composition and temperature of the gases, using laser beams.

The research has been conducted principally by Dr Chris Wright and Dr Douglas Greenhalgh, a laser expert, of the Harwell catalyst unit. A small sample of the gas contained in the reactor is extracted, usually a cylinder of about 0.3mm in diameter and 4mm in length, and subjected to the focus of three laser beams.

The light spectrum which accrues from the sample test gives the scientists an accurate indication to within a 1 to 2 per cent error, of gas composition and temperature up to about 5,000 degrees K.

This optical measurement technique, called coherent Stokes Raman scattering, is the result of more than three years research financed by the Department of Industry.

Dr Greenhalgh says: "Laser beams are non-invasive, so when you put them into a reactor they do not disturb the situation there."

The beam from a Neodymium-Yttrium Aluminium Garnet laser is used to produce light pulses for the tests at a rate of about 10 or 20 times a second with a mean power of up to 20 watts and peak power measured in tens of megawatts.

The resulting light beam, which is in the invisible infrared part of the light spectrum, is "converted" into green light by processing it through a device called a frequency doubling crystal.

About 30 per cent of the green light from this laser beam is injected through a solution of a dye which results in a different coloured beam, such as orange, depending on the dye chosen. The type of dye selected depends on the gas which is being monitored in the reactor because of the different molecular structure of the gases.

The remaining 70 per cent of the original green light laser is split into two parallel beams. The three lasers are now focused on the gas sample and the resulting blue light, is analysed to give the composition and temperature of the gases.

The researchers at the Harwell laboratories are confident that the technique, which has successfully been tested in various gases, can be used commercially and they are actively seeking partners to further the project.

The present success is the result of work begun in 1977, again funded by the Department of Industry, called the ICE project (Internal Combustion Engine). Argon ion lasers were used to measure the air motion of the gases in these engines.

Two laser beams were focused on one point and produced a light interference pattern. How that pattern changed through the presence of gas particles gave an indication of the size of the particles and their aerodynamic behaviour in the chamber, which are both indicators of the efficiency of an engine's design. That technique has been so successful that the automotive industry is using it regularly as a design tool.

The Harwell researchers have comparable commercial ambitions for their chemical reactor techniques.

Law Report August 4 1983

Lack of certificate not fatal to case

Regina v Clerkenwell Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, Ex parte Director of Public Prosecutions

Before Lord Justice Robert Goff and Mr Justice Forbes

[Judgment delivered July 29]

If an information alleging an offence against regulations made under section 31 of the Gas Act 1972 was laid within three months of information sufficient in his opinion to justify the prosecution coming to the notice of the secretary of state, the information was validly laid notwithstanding that it had not been accompanied by a certificate under section 43 of the 1972 Act as to the date upon which that information had come to the secretary of state's knowledge. Moreover, where justices declined jurisdiction to hear an information, the appropriate remedy was an appeal by way of case stated, not an application for judicial review.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held dismissing an application for judical review by the Director of Public Prosecutions but allowing an appeal out of time against the refusal of the stipendiary magistrate sitting at Clerkenwell to hear informations alleging offences against the Gas Safety Regulations (SI 1972 No 1178).

Section 43(2) of the Gas Act 1972 provides that summary proceedings under the 1972 Regulations "may, notwithstanding any enactment prescribing the time within which proceedings may be brought, be brought either within the time limit so prescribed or within three months from the date on which evidence sufficent in the opinion of the secretary of state to justify a prosecution for the offence comes to his knowledge, whichever is longer; and for the purposes of this subsection a certificate purporting to be signed by the secretary of state as to the date when such evidence came to his knowledge shall be conclusive evidence thereof."

Mr Andrew Collins for the DPP; Mr Donald Broatch for the defendant company.

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF said that it was necessary to distinguish between the date when the relevant evidence came to the knowledge of the secretary of state and the certificate which was conclusive evidence of that date.

The prerequisite to the proceedings being validly brought was the fact that the secretary of state had first known of the evidence not more than three months before the information was laid, not that the certificate should accompany the information.

In this case, the valid certificate had been produced after the issue of the summons, the information having been accompanied by a certificate which had not been signed by the secretary of state. However, the information had been laid within three months of the certified date, and so the magistrate had been wrong to decline jurisdiction.

The instant proceedings had been brought by way of judicial review as the case of *Pratt v A.A. Sites Ltd* ([1938] 2 KB 459) had established the rule that a case could not be stated by justices who had declined jurisdiction as they had not heard or disposed of the case.

It had been contended by the defendant company that no dismissal of an information could, on the authority of *R v Dorking Justices, Ex parte Harrington* (*The Times*, May 25), be challenged by way of judicial review.

In his Lordship's judgment, that rule applied only when the defendant had been in jeopardy and then acquitted. The defendants here had never been in jeopardy as the magistrate had declined jurisdiction to try the information.

In his Lordship's judgment, the decision in *Pratt's* case had been reached *per incuriam*: the court had not there been referred to the earlier case of *R v Wisbech Justices* ((1890) 54 JP 743) in which it had been held that a refusal of jurisdiction should be challenged by way of a case stated.

The latter decision was to be preferred, and *Pratt's* case would not be followed.

In this case, the justices had stated a case before the Director of Public Prosecutions had concluded that the correct procedure was an application for judicial review. The court would therefore grant leave for the case stated to be lodged out of time, treat the hearing of the application as the hearing of the appeal, dismiss the application for judicial review, and allow the appeal. In view of the lapse of time since the commission of the offences, however, the case would not be remitted to the magistrate.

Mr Justice Forbes agreed.

Solicitors: DPP; Underwood & Co.

No mention of time

Regina v Thomas (Ian John)

When a judge, in the course of summing-up, told a jury that before a majority direction would be given to them they should have deliberated for at least two hours in an attempt to reach a unanimous verdict, that was not so significant a departure from the *Practice Direction (Crime: Majority Verdicts)* ([1967] 1 WLR 1198) as to run a risk of resulting in a miscarriage of justice.

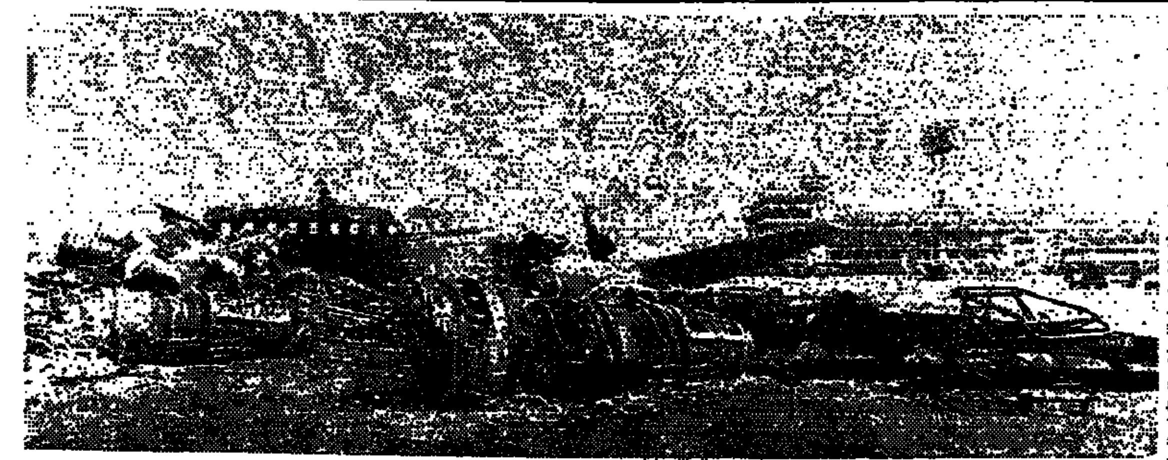
The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord Justice Ackner, Mr Justice Cantley and Mr Justice Stuart-Smith) on July 25 dismissed an appeal by Ian John Thomas against his conviction at Cardiff Crown Court (Mr Justice Bristow and a jury) on February 11, 1983, of rape.

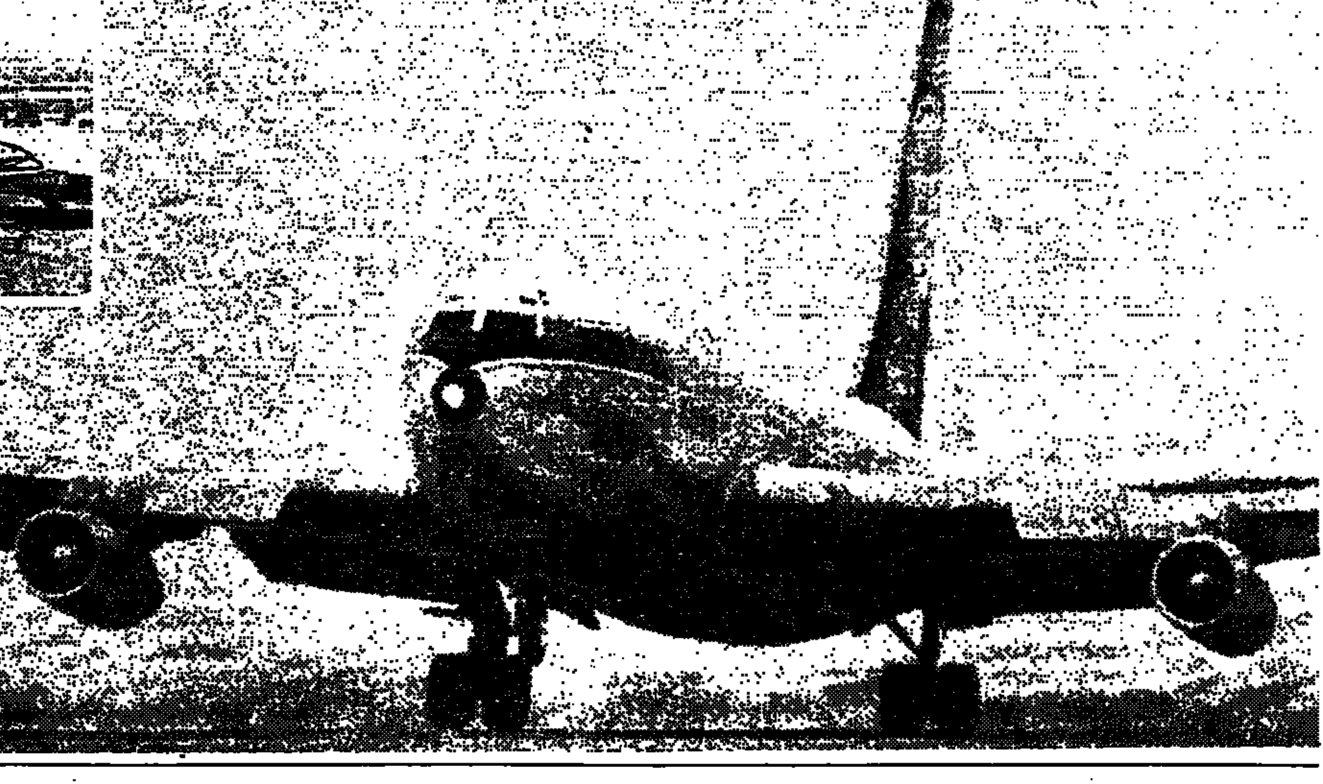
LORD JUSTICE ACKNER said that as a general proposition it was undesirable for a time to be mentioned to a jury because it might play a part in the nature of their deliberations.

However, the judge had told the jury merely what was in section 17(4) of the Juries Act 1974, and had taken a perfectly sensible course in the circumstances of the case.



Arab aviation





Business as usual for the airline which lived to fly again another day. Right: a Middle East Airlines' Boeing 707 taking off from its Beirut base. Left: the burned-out wreckage of another MEA Boeing – one of 16 destroyed at Beirut over the past seven years.

Front line airport

Robert Fisk reports first-hand on the airline which war could not ground

Middle East Airlines seems to treat shellfire like occasional showers of rain. When Beirut Airport comes under artillery or missile attack – as it did again last month – the runways are temporarily closed, the airport staff take shelter in the terminals and watch to see whether their rather elderly Boeing 707s and 720s escape shrapnel. Incredibly, they usually do.

If this is "business as usual", the mentality is sometimes taken to extreme lengths. I recall flying into Beirut during the civil war in 1976 on an MEA flight from Amman. There were only five passengers on the Boeing 707 and the in-flight catering facilities had long ago been suspended because of the fighting in Beirut. As a substitute, the stewardess presented me before landing with a large bottle of whisky. "Compliments of MEA", she said with a smile. "You're going to need it". She was right. Shells started landing round the airport while I was clearing immigration and there was a corpse lying spreadeagled on the pavement beside the airport car park. Welcome to Lebanon.

MEA crews can entertain you with a library of hair-raising stories, of planes taking off under rocket fire and of landing in Europe with bullet holes in the tail. The company likes to talk about the loyalty of its staff and it is true that you could fly on an MEA plane at the most terrible moments of Lebanon's long war and find a crew of Christian Maronites, Sunni and Shia Muslims, Druzes and Armenians all working happily together.

It is also true that MEA is one of the few industries in Lebanon that has provided permanent employment in time of war.

In 1981 alone, MEA reported a loss of more than £10m and expresed the hope of better days to come. A year later, however, Israel's invasion of Lebanon had turned the airport into a front line. The sight of two MEA Boeings burning on the tarmac was one of the war's most depressing symbols for the airline staff. When the airport reopened in the autumn, President Amin Gemayel greeted the first jet to land: the airline has become intimately bound up with the country's regular recoveries of self-confidence.

Some of the planes are beginning to look rather old and the company's much publicized decision to acquire the A310 Airbus has yet to be fulfilled. Three 747s run MEA's new route to New York but the planes are white elephants. Not long ago, the company was flying them out on the short-haul Cairo route so that they could refuel in Egypt where fuel costs are lower than Lebanon.

But there is not much that MEA cannot do for its passengers. The wine is free in all classes and friendly station managers often upgrade regular travellers from economy to first class. Never ask why journalists prefer the airline. After risking their lives to film the hotel battles in 1976, one American television crew was so desperate to get their material out of Lebanon that they asked MEA for an entire airliner. The got a 747, fully crewed, in just under half an hour. The cost was catastrophic: so was the film, after technicians in London accidentally developed it in the wrong chemical and destroyed every frame.

The airline lost one plane over Saudi Arabia in 1976 – apparently blown up by a bomb – that killed more than 80 passengers and crew. Staff have died in Lebanon's series of wars over the past eight years: gunmen took two of them from the airport and murdered them in 1976: a stewardess was killed by a shell as she waited to leave for a flight the same year. A pilot lost a leg while fighting in the Phalangist militia.

But MEA can probably survive anything these days. Its new executive office building at Beirut airport contains four floors above ground and four below. The company's vice president, who says the underground accommodation was built purely because of height restrictions, believes he can shelter, feed and provide beds for 2,000 people to live beneath the earth for three months at a time. It may be a pessimistic way of planning for the future but MEA has a habit of living to fly again another day.

The barrier to an airline dream

Despite the worldwide recession, and regional economic streses produced by the Iraq-Iran war, the invasion of Lebanon, and a sharp fall in the production and price of oil, the Arab nations are still enthusiastic about aviation, both civil and military.

The vastness of the Middle East, its inhospitable terrain, and the lack of surface links, mean that people and goods must fly in support of the ambitious modernization programmes embarked on in the last decade. In the middle 1970s, the 17 Arab airlines carried only $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of the world's traffic, but the figure has risen to around 7 per cent and the trend shows no sign of halting.

All of the big aircraft manufacturers see the Arab airline world as one of their most promising markets during the rest of this decade, and according to McDonnell Douglas figures, traffic between Europe and the Middle East will grow by an average of 7 per cent a year betwen now and 1990, and traffic within the Middle East by 10.3 per cent annually during the same period.

Between them, the Arab airlines have about 300 jet airliners, more and more of them wide-bodied, and they carry 25 million passengers and more than 30,000 tonnes of freight a year to earn £4,300m. They have, however, a long way to go before they can capitalize fully on the key geographical position of their region in the world's air network. At present, an inordinately large proportion of the traffic to and through the region is carried by non-Arab airlines, and the Arab airlines themselves are in intense and wasteful competition with each other, particularly on routes to North America and the Far East.

The dream of an Arab regional airline along the lines of Scandinavian Airlines System, which incorporates Sweden, Norway and Denmark, or Air Afrique, which draws together nine states in Africa, with engineering carried out jointly, in the manner of the European KSSU and ATLAS groups, has long been pursued by a few of the more far-sighted leaders, but has failed to materialize mainly because of the strength of nationalism in the area.

The idealists want to see routes between the countries of the various members of the Arab Air Carriers Organization (AACO) designated as domestic services within the bilateral agreements. But little has been accomplished in this area, also because of nationalism. Some progress towards unification is being made, however, notably in the stamping out of fare and cargo rate discounting among AACO members (and in the launching of a joint attack on this practice against foreign carriers flying through the region) and in the maintenance of some aircraft.

Through the Arab Technical Consortium, Middle East Airlines is to carry out all 747 overhauls; Kuwait Airways will work on all European Airbus A310s; and Saudia will look after all TriStars. An effort is to be made to establish training standards among AACO members in the major technical disciplines, and to standardize pilot-training courses. But a plan for a central training academy has been dropped as being too unwieldy, and another for a central, computer-based reservations system is considered unworkable because of the disparate nature of the AACO airlines, and the differing nature of their operations.

Considering that many of them started only after the Second World War, and then relied heavily for several decades on expatriate expertise for the running of their corporate and day-to-day operations, the Arab airlines have done well to reach the point at which they stand today. The 1970s saw them indulging in an enormous spending boom on new planes, and the technology with which to back them up: the computers, the flight simulators, engineering workshops, and training schools.

Almost without exception, they relied heavily on government resources culled from the petroleum bonanza to carry them through this period. It is doubtful whether, by the hard accounting criteria applied to European and US airlines, many of them are profitable, but then most are expected by their governments to operate certain services at highly-uneconomic fares, particularly at the time of the Haj, when whole populations flock to the holy cities of Mecca and Medina.

The goal of the Arab airlines continues to be "Arabization", but the day when they can dispense with all expatriates and run their own companies with locally produced technical talent still appears to be a long way off and was put back further by the big expansion of the 1970s.

One estimate is that despite intensive training schemes, today almost 50 per cent of pilots within the Arab airlines, and 35 per cent of engineers are expatriates. Apart from national pride, there is a strong incentive to replace expatriates with locals on financial grounds, as it is reckoned that it costs five times as much to employ an outside pilot as it does an Arab.

In the defence sector, spending on military aviation and its associated hardware continues at a high rate among the Arab nations as they attempt to modernize their often-outdated inventories against an unsettled political background.

Aircraft, missiles, and systems, continue to be bought from the Eastern bloc, particularly by Libya, Iraq, and Syria. Purchases from the West, especially the US, Britain and France, range from the small and very simple (Bahrain's defence force consists of just five helicopters and six fighters) to the large and highly-sophisticated.

The regional leader in this latter category is Saudi Arabia which has invested, and continues to invest, thousands of millions of pounds in equipping the Royal Saudi Air Force with the sort of weaponry and back-up systems which the air forces of many Western countries would envy. Arabization in this sector has a low priority, and the Saudis have long-term contracts covering maintenance, support and training with a number of aerospace manufacturers from the West, among them Northrop and McDonnell Douglas of the US, and British Aerospace.

The jewel in the crown of the Saudi military aviation inventory is undoubtedly a fleet of

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THE CARRIERS

A match now for any competitor

From being a disparate group of companies content to go their own ways only a decade ago, the Arab airlines are now gradually becoming a coherent force with a growing voice in the councils of world-wide bodies such as the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

Through the introduction of fleets of modern jet airliners, by replacing their reliance on western airlines' computers with their own systems, and with the building and equipping of new high-tech maintenance bases, the airlines of the region can today match most of their competitors in their flight operations.

But commercial success is inhibited by the tight control exercised by their governments, particularly in fares. Recently, the airlines decided through their own asociation to raise fares by 3 per cent but were told by the Arab Civil Aviation Council, composed of directors of civil aviation in the Arab world, that they were to be frozen.

Most of the airlines won that particular battle after explaining to their respective governments the economic need for an increase, but there are many other cases where commercial common sense is overruled by national whim. Governments of some Arab countries have given traffic rights to foreign airlines with no consideration to the negotiation of reciprocal rights. Arab airlines have also been critical of their governments for not giving them sufficient support at political level when they have tried to break into new markets abroad.

Where they have control over their own affairs, the Arab airlines are now producing levels of agreement which would have been unusual only a few years ago. They claim, for example, that the fight against discounting fares within their own ranks is now being seriously joined.

The fastest-growing airline in the Arab world has been Saudia, the Saudi Arabian national carrier. At the most recent count it had 22,500 employees and a fleet which included 11 Boeing 747s, 17 Lockheed TriStars, 19 Boeing 737s, nine McDonnell Douglas DC8s, an assortment of smaller executive aircraft, and 11 of the latest version of the 300-seat European A300 Airbus, the series 600, on order.

Saudia is a classic example of the rapid progress which has been made by so many Arab airlines since the end of the Second World War, having been established in 1945 with one DC3 Dakota, presented by the United States.

Middle East Airlines illustrates the flexible nature of the Arab world operators in an area where communications have been frequently disrupted by wars and political crises. Based in Beirut, MEA has lost a number of its aircraft on at least three occasions in the past 10 years because of fighting. The worst occasion was last summer, when Israelis and Palestinians fought pitched battles around Beirut airport.

It then lost buildings and equipment as well as aircraft, but as in previous crises, it continued operating some services from a base abroad. Flights out of Beirut resumed almost as soon as the fighting ended, and the airline now lists a staff of 5,400 and a fleet consisting of two 747s, 18 707s, and five Airbus A310s on order.

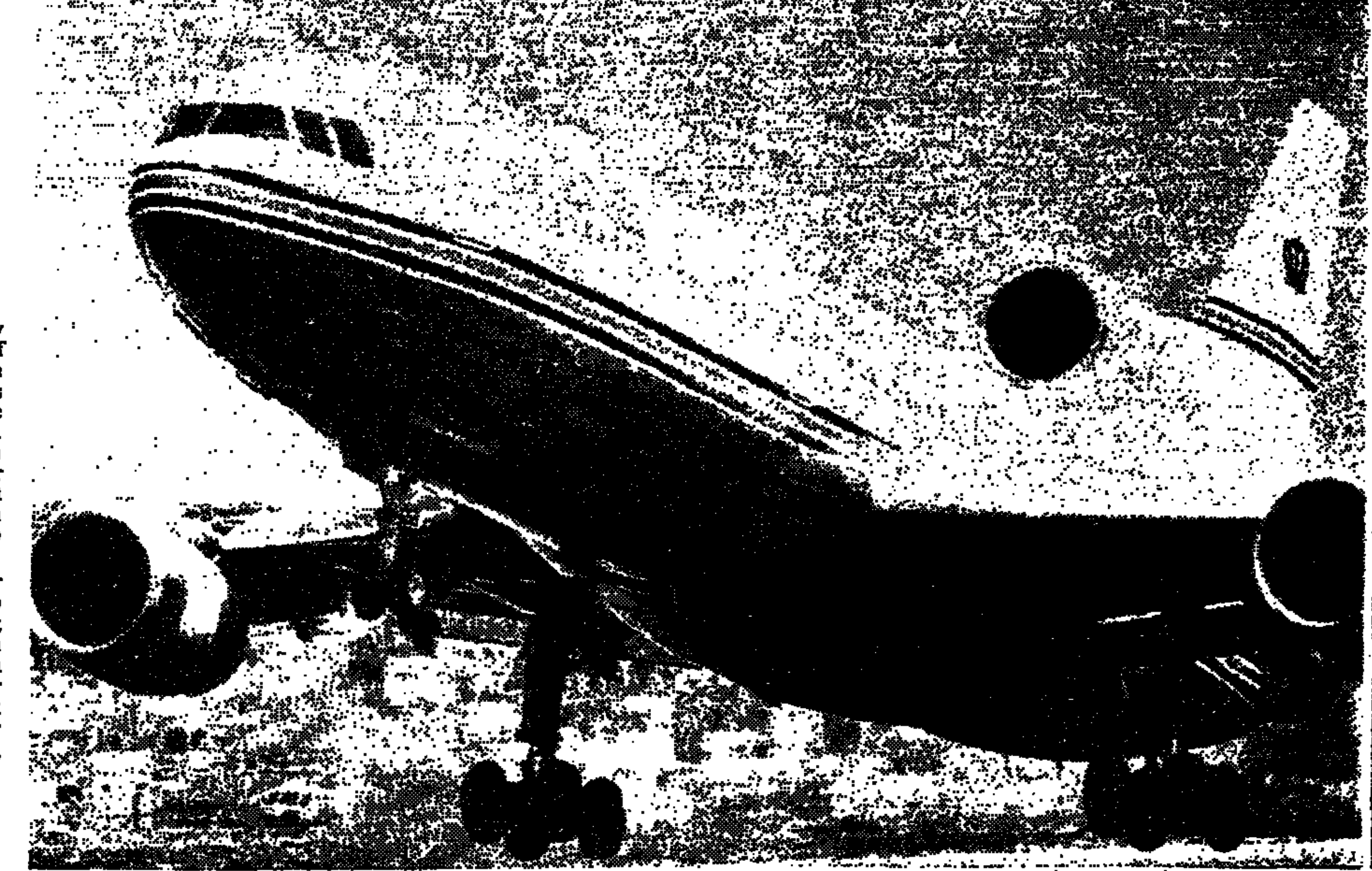
Gulf Air is a successful example of the regionalism for which many of the Arab carriers have strived but which has proved elusive. The joint airline of Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates – it was established in its present form in 1971 – after a long association with BOAC. Its main operating base is Bahrain international airport. It has 3,000 employees and its fleet includes a 747, eight TriStars, and nine 737s.

A further example of successful cooperation was the agreement between Alia - Royal Jordanian Airlines and Syrianair to operate a joint service between the Middle East and New York. Syrianair, with 2,800 employees, operates two 747s, three 727s, and a number of Soviet-made aircraft, while Alia, with 4,900 staff, has three 747s, five TriStars, a 707, and six 727s.

Relations within AACO are complicated by the fact that some members are large, international airlines while others are small domestic companies (Egyptair, one of the largest, remains suspended from AACO because of the Camp David agreement, so lessening the scope for technical collaboration).

One area in which the AACO airlines would like to see improvement is air traffic control. A regional air traffic conference is now being arranged – there has not been one since the mid-1960s – but hopes that airliners will be able to fly more direct and economical courses must remain slim until the entire region becomes less politically volatile.

Arthur Reed



With their modern fleets and sophisticated service, the airlines of the Arab world can compete today with their western rivals. Left: One of Alia's five new TriStar-500s, and old-fashioned, oriental courtesy at 40,000 feet.

AIRPORTS

A terminal fit for a king

The Middle East has long been one of the great aviation staging points at which airlines refuelled their aircraft and refreshed their passengers on the long routes between Europe and the Far East and Australasia. But most of its airports verged on the primitive, by Western standards, until the petrodollar boom of the early 1970s.

Since then there has been a vast expenditure on airports in the Arab world, both in updating existing facilities, and in constructing new ones on desert sites. What was primitive has, in many cases, become grandiose, and levels of traffic which will not be attained for generations have been handled.

Designing, managing, building, and equipping these airports has necessitated a huge influx of experience from outside. Britain, the United States, France and West Germany are prominent among countries which have supplied technical and commercial experts, while the labour to build the runways, passenger terminals and other buildings, and to lay the roads connecting the airports with the cities they serve, has also been flown in from abroad, most notably from the Far East and Pakistan.

Bahrain, one of the airports heavily used in transit by non-Arab airlines and an important centre for the Arab airlines (which between them carry over 25 million passengers a year) has gained a reputation for being one of the most modern and efficient airports in the Middle East.

Seeb and Salalah, the two principal airports in Oman, are being enlarged and updated, and Cairo International has been extended to deal with up to five million passengers a year. Abu Dhabi, another important staging point for long-distance travel, has a new airport designed to handle three million passengers a year at first, and 10 million by the turn of the century. The old airport in Abu Dhabi has undergone extensive modernization.

Dubai plans to double the size of its international airport, with a new arrival terminal costing £250m. Sharjah's new airport, costing £330m, has been largely designed by the ruler Shaikh Sultan.

Kuwait has a new three storey terminal building designed to handle 2.2m passengers a year: and plans for a second terminal are in hand. The recently built Queen Alia International Airport, Jordan, will have a capacity for 2.5m passengers annually by the middle 1980s, and for up to eight million by the end of this century.

The "showcase" developement of the area is the King Abdulaziz International Airport at Jeddah, Saudia Arabia, although the recently-completed King Khalid International Airport at Riyadh, in the same kingdom is vying with it. A third big new airport, serving the eastern province of Saudi Arabia, is due to open near Dammam and Dhahran in the late 1980s.

The King Abdulaziz took six years from 1976 to build. The old Jeddah airport was not only outdated but was being rapidly encroached upon by urban development. Its succesor is 15 miles from the centre of the city, with which it is linked by new motorway, and stands on a desert site covering 40.5 square miles. At the peak of construction, 11,000 workers from 35 countries were employed on the site. They laid two main runways, one of 12,450ft, the other 10,890ft, and erected four terminals – (one for use by Saudia, the national airline, another by foreign airlines), another for Haj pasengers, and lastly a private one for the Saudi royal family and their guests.

Other buildings included maintenance hangars, and air-cargo terminal, a food service centre, control tower, and a desalination plant for processing water from the Red Sea near by. A nursery was established to produce 15,000 plants each year as part of a soil-stabilization programme. More than 70,000 trees and plants have already been planted.

One of the biggest buildings can hold 50,000 pilgrims at one time under its fibreglass roof

The Saudis consider it their duty as Muslims to help pilgrims making the Haj, and to this end the Haj terminal at the King Abdulaziz is one of the biggest buildings in the world. It can accommodate up to 50,000 pilgrims at one time under its roof, which is made of fibregalss, and gives the impression of a series of desert tents.

The royal terminal is also an example of striking design. Its roof is covered with copper, and its exterior walls faced with white marble from quarries in Greece. Internally, its halls are magnificently furnished, the main feature being a reception pavilion accommodating 300. Other facilities include conference rooms, a press room, and a medical suite. Outside there is a parade ground where guards of honour receive distinguished guests. The whole terminal stands in an oasis-like setting, with palm trees and pools.

Operational testing of Riyadh's King Khaled airport is to begin this month and the opening is planned for November. A workforce of 9,000 is being assembled. Like its counterpart at Jeddah, the King Khaled has been built in the desert to replace an old airport close to the city. It has four terminals, a royal pavilion, two runways, under-cover parking for 7,700 cars, and a community project where most of its workers will live, including four schools, commercial, medical, and government offices, a mosque, and recreational facilities.

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THE PILGRIMAGE

Flying in the faithful

Jeddah's £1,500m King Abdulaziz airport was hailed as the world's largest when it opened in January 1981. It is a distinction it will lose when Riyadh's new international airport, even larger in area, opens in October.

More significant than the size of Jeddah's airport is its architecturally astonishing Haj terminal. For Jeddah is the principal entry point for millions of Muslim pilgrims who make their way each year to Mecca, 45 miles to the east.

The number of Haj visitors has grown steadily since the advent of mass air transportation. In 1926, after Mecca was captured by Ibn Saud's forces, 100,000 pilgrims came to the city. Since then it has been the role of the ruling al-Saud dynasty to guard the holy places of Islam in the kingdom and accommodate Muslim pilgrims from all over the world.

In September the annual pilgrimage and what in effect is Saudi Arabia's annual tourism season will start again. It will be a busy time for airlines which will bring the faithful from the Arab world, South-East Asia, the Indian sub-continent and other areas of Muslim population. The Saudi Arabian national airline, Saudia, will alone transport about 100,000 of the nearly two million visitors expected.

The special Haj terminal has been built to take the strain of this immense and sudden influx of visitors without disrupting normal airport activity. The terminal could be described as a massive transit lounge. Yet it is far more.

The US architects, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill were given a unique brief by the new airport's prime contractor, West Germany's Hochtief, to concieve a building able to accommodate such a surge of visitors for a limited period of the year. The result is an air-conditioned marble structure whose most striking feature is its roof sections in parasol shape somewhat similar to beduin tents.

The roofs are made of Teflon-coated glass fibre developed by Owings Corning. The Teflon is designed to keep out moisture and extend the life of the parasols.

The roofs allow in light but deflect the desert's heat. Inside the structure the effect is almost one of looking at a very amicable sky. Air is circulated at 20 miles an hour through the open sided terminal and through the circular openings of the roofs.

The terminal comprises two units, linked by a landscaped mall. There are 20 passenger gates. Arriving pilgrims are processed through immigration, customs and luggage collection before moving into the main area.

The terminal and its supporting communications and power infrastructure is designed to handle 5,000 passengers an hour. Original plans estimated that between 80,000 and 100,000 people during the Haj would stay in the terminal area for 24 hours or more.

The design allows for sleeping and rest areas, mosques, restaurants, souks and banks as well as information offices over a 105 acre complex which is a self contained area within Jeddah airport.

The fact that the Haj terminal is used for little more than six weeks of the year by any volume of passengers is of little consequence to the Saudi authorities who wish to show their commitment to the kingdom's role as guardian of the holy places and also demonstrate hospitality to pilgrims whose journey to Mecca is the greatest spiritual experience of their lives.

The Haj terminal though based on high technology developed in the non-Muslim world nevertheless reflects a tranquil splendour that people of all denominations could agree is a suitable venue from which to begin, or end, such a memorable journey.

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Flying over the 'tents': the new Haj terminal at Jeddah airport was inspired by the concept of a beduin encampment.

TOURISM

Five star travel

Around 100 students, teachers, lecturers and social workers will be taking a package holiday in Iraq this year costing £560 which includes a flight to Amman in Jordan, and then overland through Syria and Turkey to Iraq.

Perhaps better known for its war-stricken deserts then for its beaches, Iraq's attractions lie in its ancient historical centres like Hatra City, Nineveh and Babylon.

A travel agent's eyes may not sparkle when holidays to the Gulf are mentioned yet it is an area that many feel has potential. Gulf Air in a recent study on aviation in the area estimated that passenger traffic to and from the Gulf will grow by *7-9 per cent* annually between 1983 and 1990, partly because of tourism. The area is rich in historical interest and has many miles of sandy beaches (sadly many are now covered in oil).

Tourism to the Gulf area is not nearly as highly developed as it is to Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria, because apart from the greater attractions of those places, airlines do not offer the range of promotional fares necessary for reasonably priced holidays.

Airlines, however, are quick to retort that if they were approached with guaranteed seat requests of about 500 a season they would be willing to introduce such schemes. A spokesman for British Airways said that most of the travellers to the region are business travellers *and they do not* require such a fare spread.

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ECONOMICS

Pulling in the passengers

As the Middle East has grown in world economic importance so has the scope and scale of the region's airline operations. This can be seen in the now familiar sight of Arab wide-bodied jets at Heathrow and other major international airports.

There is, of course, an element of prestige involved but within countries of the area air travel tends to be a necessity rather than a luxury in order to connect cities and communities across often vast tracts of inhospitable terrain.

Inevitably a heavy element of subsidy is needed to provide such services. But the oil-boom years have provided the income to many countries in the region to sustain the development oft extensive internal, intra-regional and international networks.

The growth pattern in traffic that has been generated is in sharp contrast to the more dismal air transportation statistics from other parts of the world. While political instability, and a brake on spending as a result of the fall in oil prices, can be expected to slow the more ambitious plans of Arab airlines passenger trends are still optimistic. Recent International Air Transport Association figures show, for example, that Middle-East-Far East traffic increased 22 per cent last year which was the biggest jump recorded on any international route network.

Planning for growth and keeping solvent when many of the world's airlines, seem to live on the brink of bankruptcy is not easy. Though most Arab airlines have remained relatively unscathed from a biting world recession none is immune from the economics of modern airline management.

There are 15 Arab airlines including Air Algerie, Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, South Yemen's Alyemda, Egyptair, Iraqi Airways, Gulf Air, Kuwait Airways, Royal Air Maroc, Libyan Arab Airlines, Middle East Airlines, Saudia, Sudan Airways, Syrian Arab Airlines, Tunis Air and North Yemen's Yemenia. Together they operate some 264 jet aircraft and employ 100,000 people. In 1981 they are estimated to have carried 26 million passengers and 375,000 tons of cargo.

Most of the Arab airlines major growth has occurred in the last 10 years. Saudi Arabian Airlines has in that time become the 16th largest IATA member in terms of passengers carried – 10 million – in 1982 and tenth in terms of its fleet

From a post-war start with three DC3 (Dakota) aircraft, Saudia has become the biggest airline in the Middle East. Its present and planned fleet consists of 80 aircraft.

One aim of the present Saudi Arabian five-year development plan is said to be to achieve a financial balance in current domestic service operations. Two years ago internal fares were increased 70 per cent. It was the first increase in 10 years. How long before another hike will be sanctioned remains to be seen.


The world's biggest annual airlift. Six of the two million Muslim pilgrims who travel to Mecca each year praying at Jeddah's £1,500m King Abdulaziz airport.

Meanwhile Saudia is reportedly planning further investment in communications facilities, training and support services to help it remain viable in the more austere years ahead.

Saudia is responsible to its own national interests. Gulf Air on the other hand has to serve four states the UAE, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman. Nevertheless it is a successful airline second only to Saudia and in less than a decade its turnover has grown from $8m to $600m. Last year the airline carried two million passengers. Results have steadily improved following a decrease in employment of expatriate flight crew. Some 99 of Gulf Air's pilots and first officers are now Arab as well as 90 per cent of station staff.

Away from the Gulf, Lebanon's Middle East Airlines has no trouble finding local staff rather in generating enough business to support its 5,000 personnel. MEA, after Egyptair which was founded in 1932, is the second oldest airline in the region.

MEA is highly experienced, professional but more than others appreciates the need for regional cooperation on airline matters. At a conference of the Arab Air Carriers Organisation in March held in Abu Dhabi, the secretary-general, Salim Salam, who is also MEA's chairman, commented that Arab airlines could reduce their overheads by a regional division of labour. He envisaged Boeing 747's being serviced in Beirut, Airbus A310's in Kuwait, Lockheed TriStars in Saudi Arabia and avionics maintenance being carried out by MEA and Alia.

Apart from keeping flying one of the main challenges to profitable airline operations is what Salam and others chose to call "illegal discounting" on tickets of between 25-60 per cent. What is rarely explained is how such tickets can be sold at all if not provided by the airlines in the first place.

Not everybody wants to fly from Abu Dhabi to London via Sofia but it seems unlikely that airlines will be willing for any extended period to fly less than half full if seats can be filled at less than nominal price. Few passengers will complain but airline accountancy is thrown into chaos by discounting.

Arab airlines have reached an early maturity. But they face increasing costs for the purchase of a new generation of fuel-efficient aircraft and for Arabising workforces. In the next few years consolidation rather than prestige therefore is likely to be the keynote in planning procedures.

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Five star travel

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British Airways used to operate packages to Sharjah and Khor Fakkan through Sovereign holidays but gave up two years ago because the market was not ready for it and so BA now concentrates on Egypt which it says has been a great success.

British Caledonian and Hilton Hotels have teamed up to offer packages, but the numbers involved are only about 300 per year. Most leisure travel in the Gulf is intra-Gulf. Expatriates and locals flock to the pretty coastal areas such as Eid for long weekends and official holidays.

The days when travellers slept on hotel lobby floors have now been replaced by a surfeit of hotels in most Middle East countries. Nearly all the major hotel chains have over the last 10 to 15 years opened up properties in the areas main cities. The Hilton International started the trend with a 413-room hotel in Istanbul. The group now has 14 hotels in the region with more than 4,000 rooms. Since then Sheraton, Meridien, Ramada, Marriott, Intercontinental, Holiday Inn and Gulf Hotels have opened chains of hotels giving the Middle East well over 25,000 five-star hotel rooms.

The high quality of hotels also means that charges are high and so the possibilities of negotiating package holidays based on cheap accommodation suffers. The problem is made worse by what one travel company called "the vacuum" beneath the deluxe hotel range. However the existing hotels are quite prepared to offer group deals. Holiday Inn always have some sort of bargain weekend break organised for Arabs and westerners working in the country. Hilton also offer such breaks at their hotels in Fujairah and Al-Ain in the UAE.

While holiday-makers from the UK may be few, Austria and West Germany see the Gulf as a big market for winter breaks. German operators based in Munich carry about 4,000-6,000 passengers to Sharjah in a winter season using charters from Hapag Lloyd. From Austria two companies, Meridien and Neckermann Travel, between them took about 2,000 in 1982/83 using Austrian Airline charters and charging about £650 for a week.

However one of the travel agents says that the numbers may diminish substantially this year because of scare stories in recent months about the oil slick in the Arabian Gulf.

For European airlines the Middle East has been an important market. In 1982 the 20 members of the Association of European Airlines reported a 5.2 per cent growth of passenger traffic on that sector. However little of this passenger traffic derives from holiday-makers. Organisers that operate to other parts of the Gulf and to some of the less well known parts of the Middle East are few and tend to run breaks for small groups who are more interested in "educational holidays" rather than escaping the winter rain and snow for a bit of desert basking.

Perhaps one of the most specialised of the tour operators is Serenissima Travel, the only tour operator to offer packages to Oman. Obtaining entry permits to Oman is extremely difficult and so the company can only take about 15 people at a time under the guidance of a British ex-ambassador's wife. The fact that there are no special fare structures to the country is reflected in the price of the holiday which, at just under £2,000, including 10 nights in some of Oman's finest hotels, makes it more of a tour than a package.

Another enterprising tour operator is Jasmin Tours which offers holidays to Jordan and hopes to take about 400 there this year. There are also plans to organise a Jordan/UAE joint package holiday in the coming winter season. The latter, made in conjunction with Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline would include five nights in Jordan and five nights in Sharjah for a package price of about £850. Jim Smith of Jasmin also offers holidays to Syria which he insists is one of the most relaxed places in the Middle East.

The scope exists for a growth of tourism to the Gulf, but as a spokesman for Dubai National Air Travel Agency (DNATA) asks: "Just how much tourism does the area want?" After all, the Gulf countries do not need foreign currency for the time being. The countries are also very wary of becoming like Spain and Greece and open to the less desirable influences of the West. But on a small scale holidays even to places like Saudi Arabia to see oil wells and platforms could be of interest to some people. While the Airlines and the hotels can thrive on business travel they do not feel the need to encourage tourists. Until they do, holidaymakers to the Middle East will remain loyal to the travel agents' favourites Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco.

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An airline dream

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five Boeing E3A Sentry early-warning aircraft, and 60 McDonnell Douglas F-15 Eagle fighters.

When fully operational, this formidable combination will give the kingdom early-warning coverage of her northern borders for 24 hours a day, and fast-reaction capability against intruders. The F15s are to have their range extended with the purchase of six Boeing 707 tankers, and through the addition of "fast pack" fuel tanks.

Even though the Syrian Air Force is heavily backed by the Soviet and other Eastern-bloc air forces, and is having aircraft lost to the Israelis over Lebanon in 1982 replaced on a one-for-one basis, no other country in the Arab world is likely to approach the advanced nature of the inventory now being installed by the Saudis. But surveys indicate that all Arab air forces have a requirement for new equipment of some type, from transport aircraft to turbo-prop trainers, from radars to cannon shells, and as is the the case in the civil sector, world aerospace sees the region as potentially one of its most lucrative markets during the remainder of the 1980s.

Arthur Reed

THE ARTS

Dennis Russell Davies's reputation stands high in Europe and his native America, but he has never conducted publicly in Britain: he makes his début at tomorrow's Prom, in a programme including Henze as well as *The Rite of Spring*. Interview by **Paul Griffiths**

A happy gift for seizing chances

Chris Harris



Davies: "I just like the music"

Musical success stories are normally quick to travel these days, but when Dennis Russell Davies arrives to conduct tomorrow's Prom he will be making his first public appearance in this country, despite the fact that he has been winning golden opinions for his work in concert halls and opera houses across his native America and continental Europe for well over a decade. Quite why he should not have conducted here before is a mystery, to him as much as to anyone else. And it seems all the stranger when so far his career has been blessed with lucky opporunities that, obviously, it has taken a more-than-ordinary talent to seize and vindicate so regularly.

The luck began when he was a student at the Juilliard School in New York. "I had played some Ives in a recital, and in the eyes of the administration that made me a modern music specialist. So, when Luciano Berio was forming the Juilliard Ensemble at the school in 1968, I was invited to be the pianist and assistant conductor: I'd been studying both piano and conducting."

Playing the piano is still something he likes to do, in music that is characteristically various: he has recorded sextets by Danzi and a solo piece by Keith Jarrett, *Ritual for Piano*. But while he was with the Juilliard Ensemble conducting became his main activity. "I'm a good pianist, but I realized that I would never made an international career as one. And also I like making music with a lot of other people."

He is, indeed, a quiet man but a happily sociable musician. As music director of the Cabrillo Festival, taking place each August at Santa Cruz in California, he has brought about a cheerful meeting place for a personal choice of stars and music. Each year there is a composer-in-residence (Cage last year, Henze this), but the range is wide, from informal recitals to orchestral concerts to outdoor jamborees. It is, in Cage's coinage, a peculiarly "festivalitious" festival.

But Cabrillo is only a part of the Davies story, the summer holiday in a round of engagements that includes conducting American music with the American Composers Orhestra in New York, making guest appearances with orchestras ranging from the Ensemble InterContemporain to the *Berlin Philharmonic, and fulfilling* the duties of General Music Director in Stuttgart, a post he has held since 1980.

Much of this work has come out of his years with the Juilliard Ensemble, when through Berio he got to know most of the leading composers of that generation. Berio himself invited Davies to conduct his opera *Opera* at Santa Fe in 1970: "That was important. It was my first big conducting job, and also I met my wife." There was, *too, the start of an* association with Henze, who heard him conduct *Natascha Ungeheuer* with the Juilliard Ensemble.

"He seemed pleased, and he said he'd like to work with me again. I didn't think anything of it, but about a year later he rang me and asked if I would conduct some new productions he was going to do in Germany. And that was how I came to Stuttgart. First we did Henze's *Boulevard Solitude*, then *We Come to the River*, and then *Die Zauberflöte*, still with Henze producing. That *Zauberflöte* was in 1978; Silvio Varviso was leaving and they asked me if I would take the job."

Taking the Stuttgart post meant leaving his first regular position, with the St Paul Chamber Orchestra in Minnesota, where he had been music director since 1972. "That was – I think it still is – the only full-time professional chamber orchestra in the United States, and so I immediately advertised it as being the best. I didn't want to do the sort of programmes that Neville Marriner had done so well with the orchestra, concentrating on seventeenth and eighteenth-century music. Instead I wanted to do a lot of modern music, but mixed with classical pieces. So we would have, say, the Carter Double Concerto with Schubert, and we worked a lot with composers there: Carter, Cage, Copland, Berio, Henze."

Yet another fruitful working relationship was with Bruno Maderna. "I was close to Bruno towards the end of his life. In 1974 he was due to conduct *Pelléas et Mélisande* for the Netherlands Opera, and he asked me to be his assistant, with the understanding that I would do whatever he couldn't do. In the event he died a week before rehearsals, and so I took over. That was my first opera in Europe, and that was how I got to Bayreuth, because Harry Kupfer was in the audience, and he asked me if I would conduct the new production of *Flying Dutchman* he was going to do in 1978."

Davies is happy to acknowledge how much he has owed to fortunate meetings like that: another admirer is Alfred Brendel, with whom he is due to perform all the Beethoven piano concertos in two concerts with the Berlin Philharmonic in September. But, equally, musicians like Brendel and Henze do not give over their loyalties without reason.

"Actually, if people ask me how I've managed do so much, I usually say it's been through doing too much modern music. You know, in the early days I was always being advised that I shouldn't do too much modern music, that I would become stereotyped. But in fact most of the things I've done have come through working with composers and doing contemporary music."

Nor is there any likelihood that that will stop. In Stuttgart next March Davies will be conducting the world première of Philip Glass's third opera, *Echnaton*; meanwhile there will be more modern music with the BBC Symphony Orchestra in December. There is also his work with the American Composers Orchestra, attempting to correct the "appalling lack of knowledge among American conductors and American orchestras about American music". But it is not just missionary zeal that leads him to programme twentieth-century works so often: "I just like the music". One wishes that were not, coming from a conductor, such an extraordinary statement.

Aix Festival

Crackling Mozart

This year's Festival of Aix-en-Provence has been turning into as much of a celebration of *Année Racine* as of *Année Rameau*. Three years before the composition of Rameau's *Hippolyte*, the 14-year-old Mozart had witnessed in Milan the première of his own Racine opera *Mitridate, re di Ponto*. And, just as that was to be his first major public test in the field of *opera seria*, so at Aix Mozart was put on trial once more in the first staging of the opera to be mounted in France.

The first-night audience took the work to their hearts. Its success was due almost entirely to an exceptionally strong cast of young singers and to the vital musical direction of Theodor Guschlbauer (who gave Aix its *Flute* last year), conducting the Nouvel Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio-France. In a work notorious for arias written primarily to glorify the egos of specific singers, many a latent glory of *La clemenza* here or *Don Giovanni* there rose to the surface through the sheer dramatic intensity of projection, while the work's long and taxing recitatives were charged with a momentum which crackled between stage and pit.

Within the ever-tightening love triangle of the princess Aspasia and the two rival brothers, Sifare and Farnace, Yvonne Kenny, from her first aria, "Al' destin" through to her suicide aria "Pallid' ombre", fleshed out vocal virtuosity with a performance of emotional breadth. Both in her duets with Aspasia and in her exceptionally wide-ranging solos, Ashley Putnam brought virility and brilliance to the castrato part of Sifare, while Sandra Browne, lowering and menacing as Farnace, compensated for some weaknesses with a characterization of bold and pereptive urgency.

Marvis Martin was a pliable, sweet-voiced Ismène and Joan Rodgers made a creditable trousers-role debut as Arbate; but it was Rockwell Blake, familiar from the Met, as a Mitridate of extraordinary physical and musical stature, who stole the show, hurling his athletic, heroic tenor (in its top register almost a *haute-contre*) into the leaps of "Tu che fedel" or moulding almost imperceptibly the harrowing phrases of his second-act vengeance aria.

Amid standing ovations, only the director, Jean-Claude Fall, was booed. His split-level *mise-en-scène* (an expendience, apparently, to hide the *Hippolyte* set behind), with its Louis XV chair and model ox dug into a snowy desert, did at times seem as arbitrary as the neurotic flurries of activity from the Arabian-clad protagonists at every available orchestral interlude. But, in the wide spaces of Gerard Didier's uncluttered decor and telling lighting, enough of the music was able to speak for itself.

Of Nicolas Joel's new production and Ralf Weikart's musical direction of *La cenerentola* in the festival's new open-air venue, the Glyndebourne-like grounds of the seventeenth-century Palais Vendome, the less said the better. Even the superb musicianship and bravura performance of Lucia Valentini-Terrani, standing in for Teresa Berganza as Cenerentola, could do little to lift a performance weighed down by orchestral playing both as heavy and as tinselly as the sets and costumes of Patrice Cauchetier and a cast who came nowhere near reaching the demands of Rossini's score.

Twentieth-century music came invigoratingly into the festival under the auspices of the Paris-based Centre Acanthes who, during their week's practical course with Luciano Berio in Aix's Conservatoire Darius Milhaud, presented a "Journée Anton Webern": a concert given by the Ensemble InterContemporain led by Boulez, and an early-evening recital. It was a brave undertaking to present in the open-air cloister of Saint-Sauveur the minutely imagined Five Pieces for string quartet and the Lieder of Op 4, 12, 23 and 25. Jill Gomez, oblivious to the Angelus, brought to her songs conviction, beauty and perceptive variety.

Students of the Centre presented the fruits of their studies in a public performance of Berio's *O King*, Sara Stowe's vocalise finding echoes and sudden charges of light and energy in the chamber ensemble directed by Olivier Guion.

Hilary Finch

● Two of the operas at this year's Wexford Festival (October 20 to 31) date from the same decade as the Theatre Royal itself, which has always been the focal point of the festivities. They are Donizetti's *Linda di Chamounix* (1842), the first Donizetti work to be given at Wexford for 10 years, and Marschner's *Hans Heiling*. Marschner is little known outside his native Germany, but *Hans Heiling*, a work in the *Freischütz* tradition, can be picked up from time to time there. The cast includes Sergei Leiferkus, who had a major success at Wexford last year in Massenet's *Grisélidis*. *Linda di Chamounix* dates from Donizetti's final period and sees the return of two singers who have a considerable following at the Festival, Lucia Aliberti and Ugo Benelli. The third opera, Wolf-Ferrari's *La vedova scaltra*, will break normal Wexford rules in that it is being performed in English translation. Jill Gomez sings the title role and the cast includes another of last season's successes, the tenor Howard Haskin.

Theatre

Jauntily musical approach to Shaw

Bashville

Regent's Park

Finding several American companies doing brisk business with pirated adaptations of *Cashel Byron's Profession*, Shaw sat down and wrote his own adaptation, *The Admirable Bashville*, in a week to preserve his stage copyright; choosing the "rigmarole style" of blank verse because he could turn it out quicker than prose.

The result was a spirited burlesque (much as Shaw insisted on billing it as his "celebrated drama in blank verse") whose main defect was its awkward playing length. Benny Green has now remedied that drawback, equipping it with numbers by himself and Denis King which bring it up to a full evening's entertainment.

Whatever its future on other stages, this jaunty musical has found its right home in the Open Air Theatre. It has been proved over the years that the shows that thrive best at this address are those that defy the pastoral environment, and *Bashville* defies it with a vengeance.

My heart began sinking during the opening scene in Wiltstoken Park with Lydia (Christina Collier), its languishing owner, bewailing her solitary state to a sympathetic chorus of amplified bird-song. But once the pugilistic Byron pops up in the sylvan glade, combining courtship with press-ups and exchanging Shakespearian insults with his bottle-nosed trainer, you know that everything is going to be all right.

From that glorious opening improbability, David William's production hits a vein of total artificiality from which it never looks back. The action moves on to society comedy in Lydia's town house, with Tim Goodchild's ornate double doors opening straight on to the bushes; and thence to the scene of Byron's great fight in the Islington Agricultural Hall, with pearly kings and tumbling girls in attendance, plus a blind lady in a wheelchair who arises and joins in the general scrimmage *when the ring is invaded* by a visiting party of Zulus dressed up to the nines for battle.

To these Shavian effects, Green and King add a rousing set of pastiche Victorian music-hall numbers, accompanied by boatered players in a fairy-lit bandstand, and proving Shaw's textual pillaging of Shakespeare to be fully compatible with the legacy of Marie Lloyd. Some of the numbers do no more than pad out the playing time; but Mr Green produces some lyrics that have the rhyming wit and street flavour of the Edgware Road, and there are some that really reinforce Shaw's point – such as Byron's mock-tribute to the British class system, "A Gentleman's True to his Code", which brings in the whole under-stairs staff into a Belgravian cane-swinging routine.

Peter Woodward's Byron has the great merit of projecting all the absurd heroics while also preserving Shaw's serious admiration for the fight game. The lecture-bout with Paradise (Vicenzo Nicoli) generates the *same kind of excitement* as Cyrano's ballade duel. Douglas Hodge's Bashville, the butler-pugilist, earns his title reference in spite of the smallness of the part.

Ewart James Walter's Cetewayo also gets some serious debate across in spite of his leopard skins and spear-brandishing retinue. What might have turned out a very tired old joke proves to have a great deal of substance. As always with Shaw, you get more than you were expecting.

Irving Wardle

Engaged

Arts

W. S. Gilbert's comedy was written in 1877, when *The Sorcerer* was going into production and the later Savoy operas were just a twinkle in their father's eye. Last seen in London at the National in 1975, it views the expressions of feeling round the Victorian *marriage* market with a cynicism that makes Ben Jonson and Wycherley seem full of the milk of human kindness. Mercilessly honest and extremely funny, it is a brave choice of play for a small new management.

Engaged opens in the grounds of a Border cottage where braw Angus (Jack Soutar) *makes a wee honest living from* his illicit whisky still, some poaching and a few sleepers laid across the main Glasgow railway line to dislodge delayed travellers for opportune and doubtless overpriced hospitality.

Gilbert's well-to-do hero, Cheviot Hill ("I have heard of the Cheviot Hills somewhere", someone remarks) is a naughty boy who would not have lasted five minutes under the Mikado's anti-flirtation laws, but is prepared to declare himself a young heiress's husband to protect her from an unwelcome suitor.

Unhappily, if made in Scotland, Cheviot's declaration has the force of law. His marriage to a total stranger, let alone the income of his friend Belvawney (Robert East) which depends on keeping him from either marrying or dying, is a question of where the border is drawn. Could you get more Gilbertian than that?

Though modestly staged (surreal sets might have done better), Roland Oliver's production grasps the ironies. Paul Arlington, a born if unobvious farceur, brings a broad, abrasive style to Cheviot's multiple prostestations of fidelity and parsimonious view of marriage as owning his wife's 17/6-a-yard wedding dress.

Angela Cheyne as the heiress Belinda is too twentieth-century but capitalizes on sentences like "Before I actually consent to take the irrevocable step that will place me on the pinnacle of my fondest hopes, you must give me some definite idea of your pecuniary position". Julie-Christian Young, more impressively, confronts life as Cheviot's other (possible) bride with rare but crushing glimpses of the iron hand in the lace *glove and a formidable* knowledge of the 1862 Companies Act.

Even homely Maggie (Lindy Whiteford) and her mother (Greta Watson) advance on him with self-interest sauced to taste with sex-appeal and false modesty combined. *Engaged* gives no relief; but it uses the heartlessness of farce more *expertly than most* satirists have dared to.

Anthony Masters

Promenade Concert

BBCSO/Herbig/Preston

Albert Hall/Radio 3

The Albert Hall organ is a beast with a big appetite. On Tuesday night, at its annual Prom outing, it was offered by Simon Preston Mozart's F minor Fantasia, K608, but it spat the allegros out in chunks, and only in the central andante *did* Mr Preston persuade it to behave with decorum. Even then the effect was one of extraordinary efforts being applied in order to make a mammoth instrument produce sounds of evenness and delicacy.

Fortunately there was something more matched to this organ's taste and period in the next piece, Reubke's Sonata on Psalm 94, the single towering peak in German organ music in the century and a half between Bach and Reger. Here at once the instrument sounded happier. Mr Preston searched into its depths of cavernous murmuring in the opening section, and discovered too a quite marvellous grating, scowling noise before unleashing more expected sorts of power in the main allegro. Possibly the giant was now overstretching himself, for there resulted a sound of escaping wind, like an eternal gasp, that covered much of the slow movement.

Rightly Mr Preston realized that he could do nothing but continue *peaceably as if nothing* was happening, and the injury was somehow repaired in time for him to end the adagio on an unresolved chord sustained in a Messiaen-like image of infinity. After this the fugue theme of the finale came swaggering in toughly, ready to do business. And business it did, bringing the Sonata to its conclusion in another brave triumph that this time had no accidents.

After the interval the BBC Symphony Orchestra assembled to play Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony, a work well suited to stand by itself but perhaps not easy to come to cold. That might excuse the want of solidity in this performance. Günther Herbig, the conductor, was beating out each bar very decisively but not looking much further into the future, so that phrasing was rarely other than blankly ordinary and the work's superb changes of rhythmic gear brought no lift. At the syncopations in the first movement or the dotted trot in the finale one ought to sense the heavens *wheel, instead of which* Mr Herbig generated only a mild feeling that something had changed.

In terms of sonority, too, the performance lacked weight. Mr Herbig put much into the contrast between the strings and his enlarged wind band, but his staccatos were more snappish than massive, and generally the result was to accentuate what is most obvious in the score. It may be argued that the "Eroica" is a blatant work, but if so its blatancies ought to sound new, and not long endured.

Paul Griffiths

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SHORTS								
104⅜	96⅝	Exch	13¼%	1983	100¹⁵⁄₁₆		13.375	9.811
101⅜	91⅞	Exch	10%	1983	99¹⁵⁄₁₆		10.006	9.986
98⅛	87¾	Fund	5½%	1982-84	98⅛	+⅛	5.607	9.741
103¾	91½	Exch	11¼%	1984	100⅝	● ..	11.181	10.003

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MARKET REPORT ● by Michael Clark

Bid talk lifts UBM Group

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began, Aug 1. Dealings end, Aug 12. Contango Day, Aug 15. Settlement Day, Aug 22.

Talk of a bid of 110p a share sent shares of builders' merchant **UBM Group** racing away 6p to equal the year's high of 93p yesterday.

At this level, the group is valued at nearly £55m with the glass manufacturer **Pilkington Bros** strongly tipped as the most likely predator. But Pilkington, which does not normally comment on market speculation, says: "The rumours are out of line."

There was certainly evidence last night to suggest that most of yesterday's support originated from overseas. Colguy Holdings, part of the Sir Robert McAlpine empire, is one of UBM's biggest shareholders with nearly 10 per cent of the equity.

UBM's trading record has been patchy over the past couple of years and recently the group announced a turnround at the interim stage from a loss of £706,000 into a pretax profit of £525,000.

Elsewhere, investors were warming to the latest batch of economic survey pointing to a gradual recovery in the economy The *FT* Index continued to nudge its all time high of 731.4 achieved on June 21 this year, closing 7.6 up at 725.6. But support remained selective with **BTR** up 15p at 539p, **BOC Group** 9p to 236p, **GKN** 8p to 179p, **Hawker Siddeley** 4p to 318p, **Lucas Industries** 6p to 161p, **Thorn-EMI** 13p to 627p and **Vickers** 7p to 119p.

Gilts continued to take heart from the actions of various central banks to halt the surge in the value of the dollar. Gains of up to 75p were reported in longs as the pound lost 0.1 cents at $1.5063.

BAT Industries put up an impressive performance yesterday closing only 3p lower at 131p despite the appearance of a large seller on the scene. About 5 million shares went through the market at the 129p level, but were apparently snapped up in record time.

Among an active stores sector, **Burton** group lost 3p to 337p amid rumours that a large placing of shares was imminent to help pay for shop deals currently being negotiated with Hanson Trust. But nothing appeared and Burton said last night that no agreement had been reached.

A new flurry of buying pushed **House of Fraser** up 14p to 220p. Traders said the buying was from short term operators on the back of stories that Jacob Rothschild's **RIT & Northern** were heading a consortium bid for the Harrods store group. **RIT** says it is doing nothing more than watching. Lonrho, Fraser's largest shareholder, issues half time figures today which are expected to show £110m profit pretax.

Racal's £30m order from the Royal Navy announced yesterday for electronic warfare systems on the new Type 23 frigates could open the way for big export deals.

The equipment will be a development of Racal's proprietary Cutlass system which helps protect ships against radar controlled ewapons like Exocet. The contract is for 12 complete systems and was won under the new "cardial point" method of specification bidding. This helps the Navy and suppliers co-ordinate their needs to improve the export potential of new equipment. Racal's sahres increased from 479p to 487.

Shares of East London textile group, Inter-City Investments, rose 1p to a new high of 72½p yesterday amid rumours in the market that a favourable announcement will be made on Friday. Last week Mr Asil Nadir's Wearwell took a 51 per cent stake in the group. Mr Nadir is still pressing ahead with plans to merge all three of his publicity quoted companies later this year and this may now include Inter-City.

Over on the Unlisted Securities Market sares of **Aaronite**, The passive fire protection group with big interests in the North Sea, opened first time dealings in a blaze of glory. The 1.3 million shares placed by Lazard Bros and broker Rowe & Pitman at 115p opened at 131p and hit 141p at one time before closing at 138p

At this level the group is valued at £7.2m. Mr Graham Neilson and Mr Richard Tyekiff, joint managing directors, own around 28 per cent of the shares between them. For the present year to October 31, the group which sprays protective materials onto oil platforms, has forecast pretax profits of £600,000.

Somewhat overshadowed by Aaronite's debut was first time dealings in **Thermal Scientific**, the termal analysis and laboratoy furnace maufactre. Borker Stock Beech placed 1.3 million shares (32.9 per cent) of the shares at 83p, but the best price of the day was 89p – a premium of 6p. At this level the group is worth £3.6m. For the year to March 1984 the group has forecast pretax profits of £440,000.

1982/83 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
102	50¾	Ass Leisure	97	+1	6.4	6.5	11.1
416	138	Ass News	416	+1	14.9	3.6	18.6
93	43	Ass Paper	93	..	5.7	6.1	7.0
83	54	Atkins Bros	81	..	7.1	8.8	41.1
160	77	Attwoods PLC	141	..	2.9	2.0	25.4
55	25	Ault & Wiborg	54	+2	1.8	3.3	18.1
59	20	Automotive Pd	40	+4	2.1	5.4	..
137	67	Avon Rubber	125	+1	1.4	1.1	..
184½	85¾	B.A.T. Ind	131	-1	9.8	7.5	4.1
40	22	BBA Grp	37	+1	2.5	6.7	17.1
268	138	BET Dfd	250	+5	14.3	5.7	9.2
360	210	BICC	230	+2	15.1	6.5	10.1

1982/83 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
164	83	Halma PLC	163	..	2.5	1.5	26.0
13	8¾	Hampson Ind	12½ ●	..	1.1b	8.6	1.2
61	21	Hanimex Corp	31	..	..e	..	4.4
163	37	Hanover Inv	130	..	2.6	2.0	31.7
244	91½	Hanson Trust	244	+5	6.9b	2.8	19.4
97	44	Hargreaves Grp	82	..	5.7	7.0	9.3
344	143½	Harris Q'nsway	280	+4	8.1	2.9	17.6
787	437	Harrison Cros	650	+13	44.3	6.8	31.0
103	52	Hartwells Grp	83	+2	6.3	7.6	6.1
408	290	Hawker Sidd	318	+4	14.0	4.4	8.7
38	16	Hawkins & T'son	37	-1	1.4e	3.9	..
210	126	Haynes	183	..	13.9	7.6	18.0

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1982/83 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
288	125	Martin News	155	..	8.6	5.5	6.9
288	213	Martonair	241	..	11.4	4.7	14.4
172	90	Matthews B.	162	..	7.5	4.6	5.7
68	53	Medminster	55	..	5.9	10.7	9.9
368	215	Menzies J.	306	..	7.1	2.3	10.7
258	140	Metal Box	244	..	16.5	6.8	9.7
58	33½	Metalrax	48	..	3.0	6.2	11.6
168	56	Meyer Int	143	..	5.4	3.7	11.4
68	38	Midland Ind	36	+1	3.7	10.3	13.6
148	82	Milletts Leis	120	..	9.9	8.3	..
137	41	Mining Supplies	44	..	..e	..	..
55	31½	Mitchell Cotts	31½	..	5.2	16.4	8.7
56	17	Moben Grp	45	..	0.3	0.6	12.9
30	17	Modern Eng	28	..	..	..	..
183	115	Molins	115	..	11.3	9.8	4.9

1982/83 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
147	54	Monk A.	137	..	8.6	6.3	5.2
217	132	Moss Bros	215	..	5.1	2.4	20.1
9	4	Montecatini	9	+1	..	..	..
50	18	Montfort Knit	26	-2	..	..	..
110½	66	More O'Ferrall	76	..	4.3	5.8	12.2
129	76	Morgan Cruc	113	+1	10.2	9.0	23.4
248	175½	Mowlem J.	222	-4	15.0b	6.8	9.3
195	110	Muirhead	152	..	5.7	3.8	13.6
145½	97	NSS News	105	..	4.1	3.8	9.5
25⅝	17¼	Nabisco	£23⅞	+1⁄16	148	6.2	9.5
31	17	Neill J	26				
315	156	Newmark L.	195	..	17.1b	8.8	7.5

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1982/83 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
435	318	Smiths Ind	383	+3	15.7	4.1	10.8
98	44	Smurfit	95 ●	..	5.3	5.5	12.7
49	24½	Snia Viscosa	48	..	..	..	..
35	14	Solicitors Law	26	..	..	..	..
640	260	Sotheby P.B.	635	..	0.1	..	45.4
216	139½	Spirax-Sarco	202	+1	7.1b	3.5	16.0
56	14	Staffs Potts	56	..	0.0	..	..
119	86	Stag Furniture	109	+1	7.1	6.6	29.4
82	49	Stakis PLC	75 ●	-½	2.8	3.5	12.9
326	143½	Standard Tel	308	+4	8.6	2.8	23.8
74	32	Stanley A. G.	41	-1	..	..	35.0
370	208	Steel Bros	370	..	16.4	4.4	8.6
222	127	Steetley Co	213	..	10.0	4.7	33.1
131	25	Steinberg	131 ●	+2	2.9	2.2	15.4
40	20	Streeters	34	..	..	..	12.4

1982/83 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
59	21	Strong & Fisher	35	..	2.4	6.8	..
176	91	Sunlight Serv	168	..	6.3	3.7	9.5
305	250	Superdrug	263	..	5.0	1.9	31.2
45	17	Sutcliffe S'man	34	..	..e	..	9.1
71	23	Suter Elec	59	..	2.5	4.2	..
156½	62	Swire Pacific 'A'	150	+2	..	..	..

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1982/83 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
17¼	13⅝	TDK	14⅝	-¼	9.2	6.6	24.3
182	90	TI Group	154	..	10.7	7.0	..
140	14	TACE	140 ●	+5	4.3	3.1	47.0

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1982/83 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
227	129	Murray Glend	225	●	4.3b	1.9	
118	65	Murray N'thn	112	●	2.9	2.6	
114	65	Do 'B'	106		..	..	
88½	50½	Murray West	83	+1	2.7b	3.3	
85	49½	Do 'B'	80		..	..	
80	40	New Darien Oil	60		0.4	0.6	

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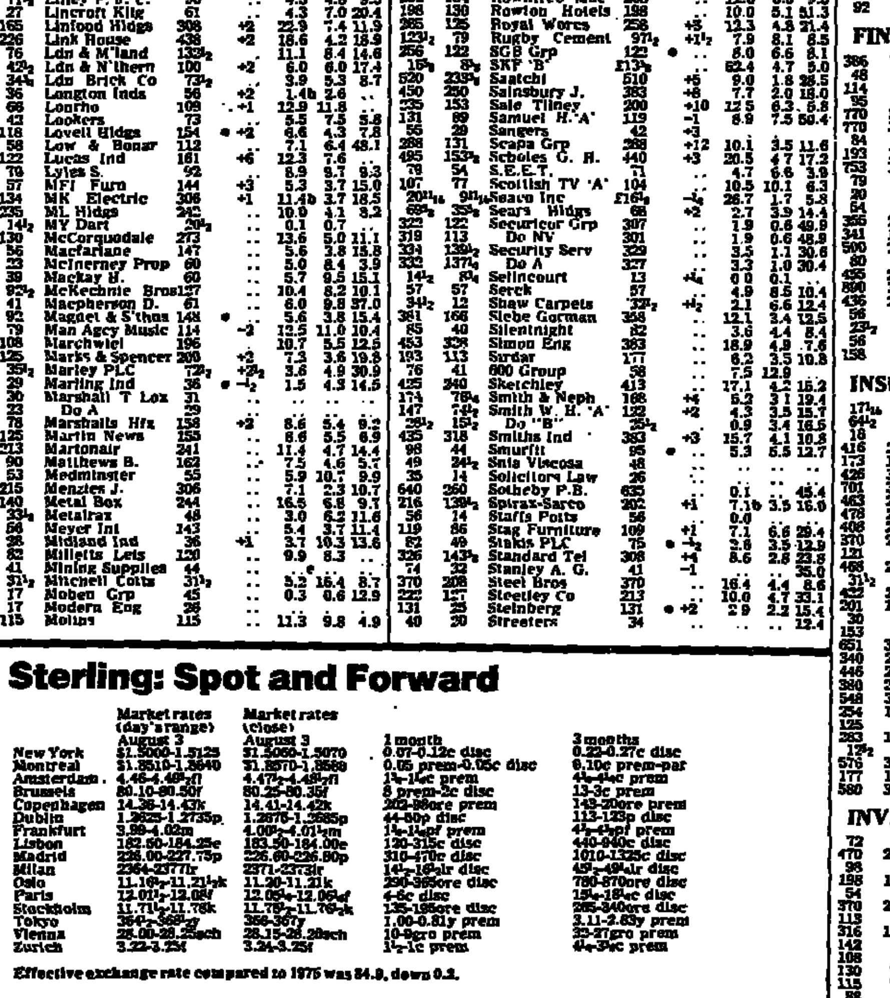
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New York	$1.5000-1.5125	$1.5060-1.5070	0.07-0.12c disc	0.22-0.27c disc
Montreal	$1.8510-1.8640	$1.8570-1.8580	0.05 prem-0.05c disc	0.10c prem-par
Amsterdam	4.46-4.48½fl	4.47½-4.48½fl	1⅛-1⅛c prem	4⅛-4⅛c prem
Brussels	80.10-80.50f	80.25-80.35f	8 prem-2c disc	13-3c prem
Copenhagen	14.38-14.43k	14.41-14.42k	202-98ore prem	143-20ore prem
Dublin	1.2625-1.2735p	1.2675-1.2685p	44-60p disc	113-123p disc
Frankfurt	3.99-4.02m	4.00½-4.01½m	1⅛-1⅛pf prem	4⅞-4⅜pf prem
Lisbon	182.60-184.25e	183.50-184.00e	120-315c disc	440-940c disc
Madrid	226.00-227.75p	226.60-226.80p	310-470c disc	1010-1325c disc
Milan	2364-2377lr	2371-2373lr	14½-16½lr disc	45½-49½lr disc
Oslo	11.16½-11.21½k	11.20-11.21k	290-365ore disc	780-870ore disc
Paris	12.01½-12.08f	12.05¼-12.06¼f	4-6c disc	15¼-18¼c disc
Stockholm	11.71½-11.78k	11.75½-11.76½k	135-185ore disc	285-340ore disc
Tokyo	364½-368½y	366-367y	1.00-0.81y prem	3.11-2.83y prem
Vienna	28.00-28.25sch	28.15-28.20sch	10-9gro prem	33-27gro prem
Zurich	3.22-3.25f	3.24-3.25f	1½-1c prem	4¼-3¾c prem

Effective exchange rate compared to 1975 was 84.9, down 0.2.

Money Market Rates

Clearing Banks Base Rate 9½%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 8½ Low 3

Week Fixed: 9¼

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9½	2 months	9⅜
3 months	9½	3 months	9⅜

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

1 month	9²⁹⁄₃₂-9⅞	1 month	10¹⁄₁₆
2 months	9²⁹⁄₃₂-9⁷⁄₁₆	2 months	10³⁄₁₆
3 months	9²⁷⁄₃₂-9⅝	3 months	10⁵⁄₃₂
6 months	9⅞-9¹³⁄₁₆	6 months	10½

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10¼-10	7 months	10¼-10
2 months	10½-10	8 months	10¼-10
3 months	10½-10¼	9 months	10¾-10½
4 months	10⅝-10⅜	10 months	10¾-10½
5 months	10½-10¼	11 months	1/¾-10½
6 months	10¼-10	12 months	10¾-10½

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	9¹⁵⁄₃₂-9⁷⁄₁₆	6 months	10³⁄₁₆-10⁵⁄₃₂
3 months	9¾-9¹³⁄₁₆	12 months	10⁹⁄₁₆-10¼

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	9⅛	3 months	9⅞
7 days	9⅛	6 months	10⅛
1 month	9³⁄₁₆	1 year	10⅛

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 8½ Close 4

1 week	9-9⅞	6 months	10³⁄₁₆-10¹⁄₁₆
1 month	9½-9⅜	9 months	10⅝-10½
3 months	10-9¹⁵⁄₁₆	12 months	10⅝-10⅝

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)

3 months 10 6 months 10³⁄₁₆

Finance House Base Rate 10%

Other Markets

Australia	1.7065-1.7215
Bahrein	0.5636-0.5665
Finland	8.4995-8.5395
Greece	126.40-128.40
Hongkong	11.0160-11.0560
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.4375-0.4405
Malaysia	3.5135-3.5435
Mexico	210-236
New Zealand	2.2885-2.3065
Saudi Arabia	5.1600-5.1900
Singpore	3.1955-3.2255
South Africa	1.6540-1.6690

Dollar Spot Rates

* Ireland	1.1867-1.1874
† Canada	1.2333-1.2336
Netherlands	2.9730-2.9740
Belgium	53.29-53.33
Denmark	9.5640-9.5690
West Germany	2.6610-2.6630
Portugal	121.00-122.00
Spain	150.45-150.65
Italy	1573.50-1574.50
Norway	7.4390-7.4430
France	8.0040-8.0070
Sweden	7.8080-7.8130
Japan	243.20-243.30
Austria	18.70-18.71
Switzerland	2.1525-2.1540

* Ireland quoted in US currency.
† Canada $1 : US $0.8107-0.8110

Euro-$ Deposits

(%) calls, 9-10; seven days, 9¹¹⁄₁₆-9⁹⁄₁₆; one month, 9¹⁵⁄₁₆-10¹⁄₁₆; three months, 10⁵⁄₁₆-10⁷⁄₁₆; six months, 10¹³⁄₁₆-10⁹⁄₁₆.

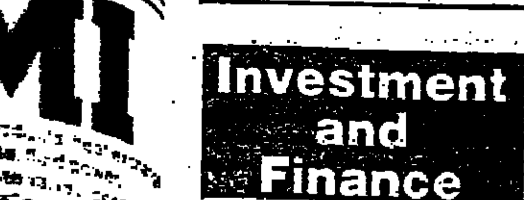
Gold

Gold fixed: am, $412.75 (an ounce); pm, $411.00 close, $411-411.75 (£273-273.50).

Krugerrand* (per coin): $423.50-425 (£281.5-282.5).

Sovereigns* (new): $97-98 (£64.50-65.25).

* Excludes VAT



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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 725.6 up 7.6
FT Gilts: 79.16 up 0.27
FT All Share: 452.30 up 3.97 (Datastream estimate)
Bargains: 19,273
Datastream USM Leaders Index:97.32 up 1.75
New York: Dow Jones Average: (latest) 1187.70 down 0.30
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index:644.26 down 2.70
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index: 1059.11 up 2.16
Amsterdam:147.8, up 0.3
Sydney: AO Index:675.7 up 9.4
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index:975.40 up 5.0
Brussels: General Index:132.20
Paris: CAC Index:130.1 up 0.9
Zurich: SKA General:293.2 up 0.7

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling $1.5065 down 5pts
Index 84.9 down 0.2
DM 4.01 down 0.0025
FrF 12.0575 up 0.0025
Yen 366.50 unchanged
Dollar
Index 128.2 up 0.1
DM 2.6610
NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.5060
INTERNATIONAL
ECU£0.570236
SDR£0.695980

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9½
Finance houses base rate 10½
Discount market loans week fixed 8¾
3 month interbank 10-9 15/16
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 10 5/16-10 7/16
3 month DM 5½-5⅜

3 month Fr F16-15¾
US rates
Bank prime rate 10.50
Fed funds 9⅝
Treasury long bond 88.3/16-88.5/16
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period 6 July to 2 August, 1983 inclusive: 9.989 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $412.75 pm $411.00
close $411-411.75 (£273-273.50) down $2.75
New York latest: $411.00
Krugerrand* (per coin): $423.50-425 (£281.50-282.50)
Sovereigns* (new): $97.98 (£64.50-65.25)
*Excludes VAT

TODAY

Interims: Barclay's Bank, Goode Durrant & Murray Group, Hoover, Johnstone's Paints, Law Debenture Corporation, Lonrho, Newmarket (1981) - (second quarter), Reed International (first quarter), Westminster Property Group.
Finals: Acrow (ammended), Peter Black Holdings, Gnome Photographic, Malaysia Rubber, Nova (Jersey) Knit (ammended), Routledge & Keegan Paul.
Economic statistics; Unemployment and unfilled vacancies (July provisional).

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Baker Perkins Holdings, Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge (12.15); **Bradford Property Trust**, Victoria Hotel, Bradford, W. Yorks (noon); **Bristol Stadium**, Portland Place, W1 (12.30); **Feedback**, Crest Hotel, Crowborough, E Sussex (noon); **Fuller Smith & Turner**, Griffin Brewery, Chiswick (11.00); **NMC Investments**, City Road, EC1 (noon); **Reed International**, The Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place WC2 (noon); **Time Products**, Chartered Accountants' Hall, Moorgate Place, EC2 (10.30).

NOTEBOOK

More Shipping companies could be entering the increasingly competitive north Atlantic traffic. OCL in particular may have to go in this direction if it wishes to expand. But the *Trafalgar House bid for P&O*, owner of the biggest piece of the OCL consortium, complicates matters.
Marley, the building materials and DIY group has increased interim profits sharply. The building business is benefitting from the construction boom, while further growth from the new and bigger DIY outlets is expected. Greatly improved earnings per share point to a sizable dividend rise.

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Secret deals aim to scare off speculators

Intervention by five central banks fails to hold down strong dollar

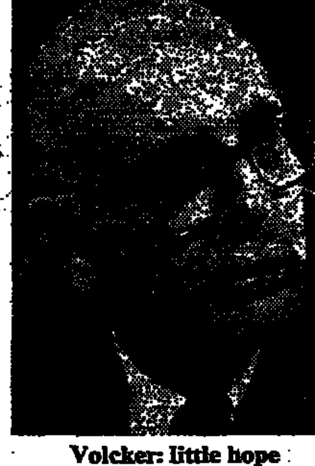
By Frances Williams
Economics Correspondent

Central banks yesterday again intervened heavily on world currency markets to stem the dollar's rise, but with only limited success. Expectations of higher American interest rates and political uncertainties elswhere in the world continue to underpin the US currency.

Dealers estimated that the five main central banks involved, representing the US, Germany, Japan, France and Switzerland, sold between $300m and $500m (£333m) yesterday, compared with an estimated $500m to $750m of dollar sales the previous day.

In a change of tack the US, German and Japanese central banks said they would no longer comment on whether or not they were intervening in the markets, but made it clear that they would continue to do so as circumstances demanded.

By this they hope to increase uncertainty and scare off speculation on a dollar rise. One Frankfurt dealer said: "If we know they are intervening, the effect soon wears off. If there is a guessing game the effect on the market continues."


Volcker: little hope on interest rates

On Tuesday, after two days of ineffective intervention, the banks made their concerted operation public with immediate results, but dealers said yesterday that although the psychological impact of the news had temporarily deterred speculators, the fundamental factors buoying the dollar remained unchanged. They said the markets would soon start to test the central banks' resolve.

The Governor of the Bank of Japan, Mr Haruo Mackawa, said yesterday that abnormally high US interest rates had led to the disorderly conditions in currency markets which has necessitated the joint intervention. There were limits to what concerted intervention could do, he added.

This warning was echoed by Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, who said that intervention could not work against the forces of conflicting monetary and fiscal policy in the United States. He told a House banking sub-committee that currency intervention was a "distinctly subsidiary tool" to be used with caution.


Leigh-Pemberton: on the sidelines

But Mr Volcker offered little hope on the prospects for US interest rates which he said were "extraordinarily high", both for the needs of the economy and for orderly economic progress.

He said how soon interest rates fell depended on reducing the federal budget deficit. He expressed concern over the pace of monetary growth which, he said, was increasing "at a faster rate of speed than we'd like to see". But he said there had been no change of money policy since the Fed decided on a limited tightening in May.

The dollar yesterday firmed slightly to DM2.6610 and again rose above the psychological level of 8 francs which has prompted squeals of anguish from the French authorities.

The pound again traded on the sidelines, easing gently against most major currencies. The Bank of England, under its new governor Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, has been a notable absentee from the foreign exchange markets since the concerted intervention began last Friday.

The authorities do not wish to see the pound strengthen. Heavy intervention would also tend to swell the money supply

City Editor's Comment

The dole queue disappearing act

The latest jobless figures released today will yet again be obscured by the exodus from the official tally of thousands of older men, spirited away under new Government schemes.

This is only the latest in a long line of measures which have succeeded in lopping well over half a million from the unemployment total, without the creation of a single new job in the process.

It all began in autumn 1981 when men over 60 who had been on supplementary benefit for a year were allowed to opt for retirement and the higher rate of benefit. Result: minus 37,000.

Hard on its heels came measures in the last Budget to take more older men off the dole and into retirement. Result: minus 150,000.

And throughout the Government's period in office the scope and array of special employment and training measures, devised principally as a response to worsening joblessness, have burgeoned.

At the last count they covered 560,000 people, most of them youngsters. That is more than double the numbers four years earlier.

Individually, many of these measures are sensible and desirable, most notably better training for the young.

But in the context of a trebling of unemployment they smack of statistical chicanery. No single measure is sacred, but so many changes obscure the trend of the labour market, which the figures are intended to show.

The result has been a proliferation of independent estimates of the "true" jobless level, almost all of which put it at four and five million, rather than the official three.

Adding back the 190,000 older men previously removed and 120,000 or so people, mainly women, who previously registered for work but do not qualify for benefits, boosts the numbers by 310,000.

A further 400,000 jobless, again mainly women, many seeking part-time work, did not register under the old system, while perhaps 50,000 people are getting sickness benefit who would otherwise be on the dole.

Finally thre are those rescued from unemployment by *special measures* – up to 340,000, depending on how many of the jobs and training places are regarded as "real" and how many as unemployment substitutes.

These categories alone bring the jobless total to more than four million. And some estimates go even further. The TUC adds workers on short time (78,000 in May), while the Labour Research Department (no relation) includes half a million women who on past trends would be looking for work, on the grounds that hopeless job prospects have put off many who would like to work.

Ministers tend to counter all this by claiming that up to a fifth of those officially classed as unemployed are not seriouly looking for work and have no desire to do so. Surveys suggest that perhaps 400,000 people may come into this category, many of them with private pensions,

No doubt if they could find a way of doing it, ministers would like to remove these people from the tally as well. And while they are about it, why not those judged to be unemployable and those claiming benefits between jobs – none of whom are "really" unemployed.

But even if they could reduce the official count to *a million by sleight of hand*, they cannot disguise the fact that for more than four million people the jobs and the income that goes with them, no longer exist. The economic problem remains.

Rival groups bid for Spring Grove

By Our Financial Staff

Spring Grove, the troubled laundry-to-safety-products company, said yesterday that it is involved in discussions with an unnamed group and they may lead to a bid for the company.

It said that it was unlikely that such an offer would be worth significantly more than 50p a share, a few pence under the ruling market price. At that level, a bid would be worth about £16m.

The bidding company is said to be Sunlight Services, the laundries-to-dry-cleaning group, and it is said to be offering 60p a share.

After Spring Grove made its announcement, another company – believed to be Pritchard Services Group, industrial cleaners – is said to have made an approach.

The big cleaning companies have suffered from overcapacity, which has led to severe price competitiveness.

Two months ago, Sunlight Services' bid for Johnson Cleaners was turned down by the Office of Fair Trading. Another bid for Johnsons, by Initial Services, was similarly turned down.

Spring Grove came to the market via the Unlisted Securitities Market in 1979 when bankers Charterhouse Japhet made a preference offer to its 16,000 shareholders of the 15 million spring shares on offer.

Spring Grove traded profitability, but ran into trouble after it acquired St George's Group, the linen hire company last year. It discovered poor accounting methods, which led to an extraordinary write off of £800,000 and, instead of expected profits, the company made large losses.

The Office of Fair Trading has been approached to clear any possible merger. All companies involved in a possible bid refused to comment.

Institutions buy 60% of Monotype

By Jonathan Davis, Financial Correspondent

Three private sector investment institutions are taking a 60 per cent stake in Monotype Corporation, a typesetting equipment business which was rescued five years ago by the National Enterprise Board.

The British Technology Group, which now incorporates the NEB and the National Research and Development Council, announced yesterday that the institutions are pumping £1.5m into the company in return for their stake.

BTG itself will retain a 40 per cent stake in the company, which has now returned to profitability after three years of trading losses. Monotype, founded nearly 100 years ago, has high hopes of its laser-based phototypesetter, known as Lasercomp.

The three new stakeholders are Grosvenor Development Capital, a recently established specialist investor in unquoted high technology companies, and two better known institutions, Electra Investment Trust and Drayton Consolidated Investment Trust.

Dow rally quickly fizzles out

Stock markets moved lower yesterday after an early rally fizzled out in relatively slow trading. The Dow Jones Industrial average, up about three *points at the outset*, was later 0.91 down at 1,137.09.

The New York Stock Exchange index was 0.13 lower at 93.64, and the price of an average share was down six cents.

WALL STREET

Analysts said the market could rebound at any time if institutions came off the sidelines because prices had dropped so much in such a short time.

Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, testifying before the house banking committee, said that the Fed had not changed policy since it tightened credit in May. He said he opposed setting targets for growth of the gross national product.

Consolidated Edison was the most active NYSE issue, down 1-3 to 22 5-8. **Goodyear Tyre & Rubber** was second, up 1 3-3 to 20 3-3. **American Telephone & Telegraph** was up 1-3 to 61.

CD market 'worth £4bn to societies'

By Lorna Bourke

Confirmation of the potential importance of the building societies in the Certificates of Deposit market was given yesterday by Mr Richard Weir, secretary-general of the Building Societies Association who said the societies could raise up *to £4,000m* from this source over the next 12 months.

With the bank CD market at around £11,000, the impact of the building societies' new presence in the market could be substantial.

The £4,000m figure represents the maximum allowable under the current directives from the Register of Friendly Societies who regards £4,000m or 5 per cent of the societies' assets, as a prudent limit. But Mr Weir believes this figure could rise to 10 per cent of assets in three to four years.

The societies *wasted no time* in taking advantage of their new-found freedom, granted in this year's Finance Act, to tap the CD market raising £78m from non-traditional sources in May, £262m in June and an estimated £250m in July. Of the June and July totals, about £200m on each occasion was accounted for by CDs.

Until the Finance Act, the societies had not been able to pay interest gross except on bank loans. This effectively debarred them from using the CD market.

Building society finance directors expect to use CDs as a tool to manage liquidity rather than as a substitute source of funds for mortgage finance. The presence of the societies will, however, inevitably affect money market rates, and the societies will have to be careful not to push rates up against themselves.

● Private housebuilding starts continue to decline on a seasonally adjusted basis despite a boost in the early part of the year, according to the latest Department of the Environment figures. The figures for the second quarter starts were 17 per cent down on the first three months of the year although completions were 13 per cent higher.

Worst-hit is the public sector which saw a fall of 33 per cent over the quarter compared with the three months to the end of March. Starts were even 11 per cent down on the same quarter a year ago.

Bibby up 30% as growth continues

By Wayne Lintott

J. Bibby and Sons
Half-year to 2.7.83
Pretax profit £7.2m (£5.5m)
Stated earnings 8.49p (6.65p) (adjusted for scrip issue)
Turnover £136m (£118m)
Net interim dividend 2.24p (1.233p)

Dividend payable 4.10.83

J. Bibby, the industrial-to-agricultural group, has maintained last year's impressive groth rate into the first half of this year with a 30 per cent rise in interim pretax profits to £7.2m.

Turnover climbed to £136m from £118m while earnings per share, after the one-for-two scrip announced last May, rose to 8.49p compared with an adjusted 6.65p a year ago.

Mr Leslie Young, chairman, said that the interim dividend is being adjusted to reduce the *disparity between the interim* and final. Consequently, the interim dividend was raised 81.6 per cent to 2.24p a share.

Mr Young said that steady growth had been achieved in all but one of its activities and that the period benefited from the inclusion of profits from Laboratory Glassware purchased last October.

Industrial services produced profits at approximately the same level as last year and it was the Farm Products Division which showed a decline due to the lower margins produced by the poultry and pig divisions.

Mr Young said the outlook for the second half remained favourable and with a continuing goood performance from the industrial side. He felt that the agricultural division – last year's star performer – "is likely to show a similar performance to 1982's £3m."

He forecast that J. Bibby, with low gearing and a strong balance sheet, will be in the market for acquisitions and that shareholders should be satisfied by the full year's performance.

The company has managed to turn round the oils division which last year showed the company's biggest setback with an £800,000 dive in profits.

The shares of the company rose 10p on the news to 327p, near the year's high, with analysts forecasting in excess of £17m for the full year.

Raper bid spurs two new suitors

By Jeremy Warner

William Whittingham Holdings, the Wolverhampton based housebuilding and film processing group, has received bid approaches from "two companies of great repute and substantial financial resources", according to Mr John Wardle, chairman. The approaches came after Mr Jim Raper's Milbury announced an 83p share tender offer for up to 30 percent of the company at the end of last week.

The *shares responded to Mr* Wardle's news by jumping 21p to 104p.

The letter, which described Mr Raper, a man with a history of conflict with the City establishment, as a "financial adventurer", went on to say that, in the long-term interests of shareholders, the board wanted to "remain an independent listed company".

The directors said they intend to justify the loyalty of shareholders in the future of the company in financial terms, but the letter conceded that at present "the very real prospects for recovery and growth cannot be obvious to shareholders".

But shareholders who tender for the Milbury offer are warned that they will lose the opportunity to receive a materially higher price for the whole of their shareholding.

Mr Jim Raper has been criticized by the City Takeover Panel as a person unfit to be a director of a public company. The Stock Exchange Council has also issued instructions to its members forbidding them from conducting business "directly or indirectly" with Mr Raper.

Receivers put in to Quest CAE

By Jonathan Clare

Receivers have been put into Quest CAE after a row involving the new chairman, Mr Saad Gabr, only a few months after he injected £2m into the company.

It is understood that writs have been issued by Quest CAE against two companies concerning equipment supplied to them.

The board decided to ask Barclays Bank to appoint receivers after running into severe cash flow problems, partly because of the high development costs of the computer-aided design equipment it manufactures.

Quest CAE is a 39 per cent owned associate company of Quest Automation, the publicly quoted computer systems business.

In January two of Mr Gabr's companies, Gabraphone Transducers and United Technologies Massawippi UK, put £2m into Quest CAE in return for a controlling stake of 51 per cent.

Both companies are private and have as their main shareholder the Arab Research and Development Trust, headed by Mr Gabr.

Rate of business collapses slows

● The rate at which businesses in Britain are collapsing has slowed. Figures released yesterday by Trade Idemnity, the credit insurance company show failures in July fell 2.5 per cent against the same month last year. It is the first reduction in 18 months.

But total collapses remain high and so far this year are still 16 per cent above the same period a year ago at 2,412. Government statistics on personal bankruptcies released yesterday show those in the financial and professional world failed in a bigger way in 1982 than 1981.

IN BRIEF

● **Bridgeport (UK)**, American-owned manufacturers of tyre valves and puncture repair kits announced yesterday that it is to close its factory in Lisburn, County Antrim this month with the loss of 71 jobs, because of the decline of the British car industry.

But there is likely to be better news for Northern Ireland today when Harland and Wolff in Belfast is expected to announce a long-awaited order for four refrigerated meat and fruit ships worth £72 million, with an option to increase the order to six.

● **Advance Services**, a subsidiary of BET, has made its first foray into the US laundry market with the acquisition of a private company, Prathers of Fort Myers in Florida for $7.25m (£4.7m).

● **RCG Offshore** of Methil, in Fife, has been awarded a £6m contract for the basic structure of the production platform to be used in the Victor gas field off the Lincolnshire coast.

£200m Anglo-Swedish power scheme in danger

Indonesia crisis may hit British firms

By John Lawless

Indonesia has warned an Anglo-Swedish consortium that it may have to terminate a £200m hydro-electric power scheme.

The main British firms involved are Balfour Beatty and Boving, which were to undertake the major part of the work under a £127m loan insured by the Export Credits Guarantee Department last November.

A Balfour Beatty spokesman said yesterday: "We are continuing work, and discussions are going ahead with the customer."

Talks are understood to be at a delicate stage. A rescue plan for the project will, however, be extremely difficult to arrange, not only because of the Swedish involvement.

The original deal is understood to have contained about *£2m worth of British aid*, and was agreed at "soft" interest rates which, under today's conditions, would be much higher.

The power generation scheme – at Mrica on the Serayu River in central Java – also called for design work by Engineering and Power Development Consultants, of Sidcup, Kent.

The Swedish firms involved are Skanska, Asea and, on the design side, Sweco.

In all, 28 kilometres of access roads were to be built, leading to an earth-filled dam of 5 million cubic metres. Three generator sets, of 180 megawatts capacity, were to be installed, with electricity taken away by 100 kilometres of overhead transmission lines.

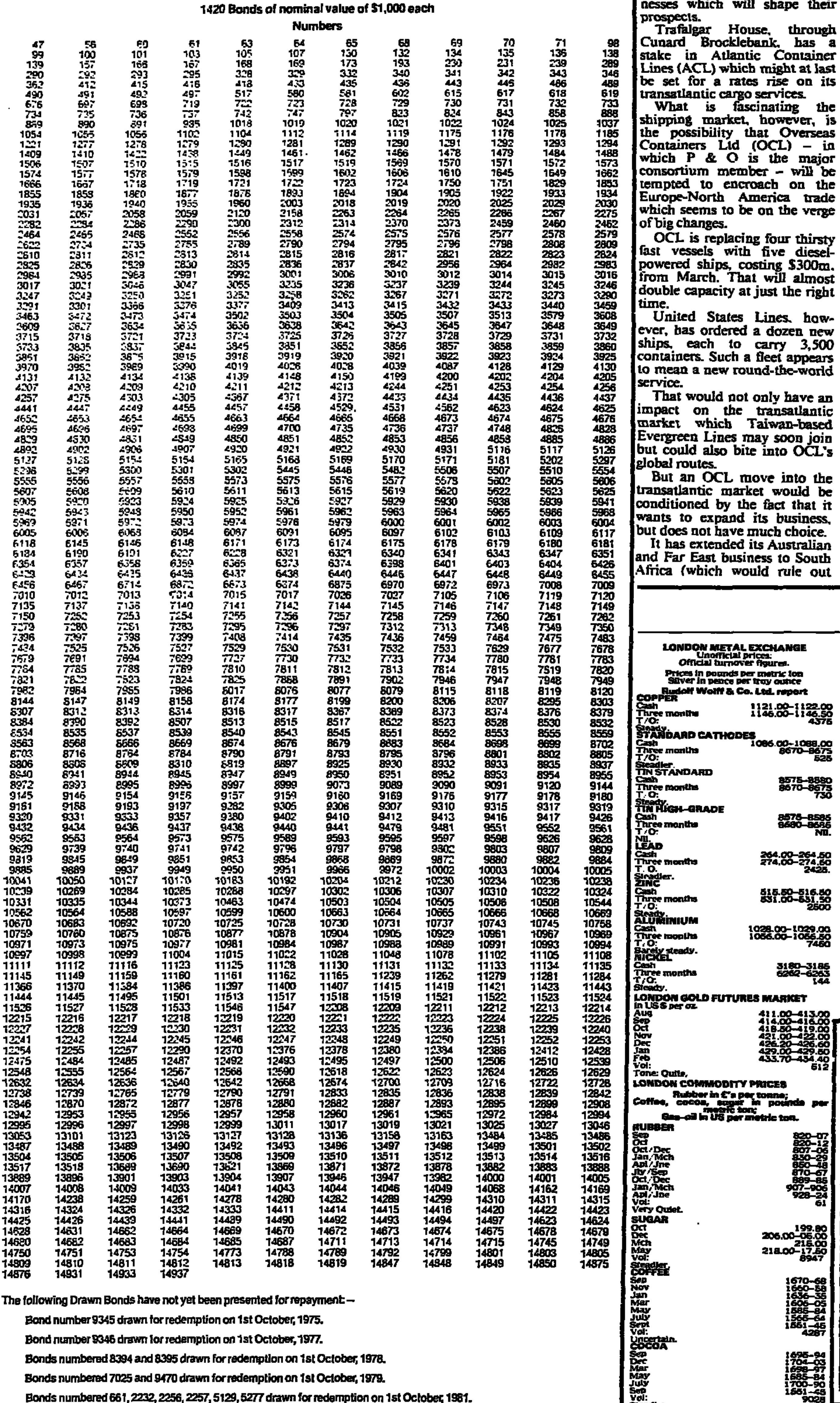
The possibility of more British contracts being affected by the "rescheduling" of other Indonesian projects – as the country struggles to cope with a sharp fall-off in commodity revenues – is thought to be likely.

Indonesia, which yesterday got 360m SDRs help from the International Monetary Fund, rescheduled four major projects in May. They were worth more than $4.6bn.

Ministries were given until the end of July to reconsider other projects in five main sectors: *Mining*; *telecommunications*; technical schools; power generation and transmission; and transportation and communications.

The government is about to offer development of new pulp and paper-plants and sugar mills to the private sector.

The same is to be done with new cement works – although President Suharto yesterday opened a million tonne $200m, plant in which Blue Circle has a 26 per cent stake.



City of Copenhagen $15,000,000 9 per cent. 15 Year External Loan of 1970

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, for the Sinking Fund of 1st October, 1983 a Drawing of Bonds of this Loan took place on 21st July, 1983 attended by Mr. Richard Graham Rosser of Messrs. De Pinna, Scorers & John Venn, Notary Public, when the following bonds were drawn for redemption at par on 1st October, 1983.

Bonds, which may be presented for redemption at any of the Paying Agents for the Loan, must bear the Coupons dated 1st October, 1984 and 1985, otherwise the amount of the missing Coupons will be deducted from the principal to be repaid.

BONDS DRAWN

1420 Bonds of nominal value of $1,000 each

Numbers

47	56	60	61	63	64	65	68	69	70	71	98
99	100	101	103	105	107	130	132	134	135	136	138
139	157	166	167	168	169	173	193	230	231	239	289
290	292	293	295	328	329	332	340	341	342	343	346
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1506	1507	1510	1515	1516	1517	1519	1569	1570	1571	1572	1573
1574	1577	1578	1579	1598	1599	1602	1606	1610	1645	1649	1662
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14876	14931	14933	14937								

The following Drawn Bonds have not yet been presented for repayment:—

Bond number 9345 drawn for redemption on 1st October, 1975.

Bond number 9346 drawn for redemption on 1st October, 1977.

Bonds numbered 8394 and 8395 drawn for redemption on 1st October, 1978.

Bonds numbered 7025 and 9470 drawn for redemption on 1st October, 1979.

Bonds numbered 661, 2232, 2256, 2257, 5129, 5277 drawn for redemption on 1st October, 1981.

Bonds numbered 30, 31, 32, 369, 951, 1036, 2157, 2234, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2507, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2555, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2827, 2828, 2902, 3495, 3497, 4662, 8960, 9480 drawn for redemption on 1st October, 1982.

NOTE: Any of the above Drawn Bonds with relative Coupons attached presented in the United Kingdom should be lodged for payment in London with:

Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited, 21 Austin Friars, London EC2N 2HB. or Hambros Bank Limited, 41 Bishopsgate, London E.C.2.

The usual interval of four clear days will be required for examination.

Office of Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited — August, 1983.

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Shipping lines face testing time

While the Trafalgar House bid for P & O is before the Monopolies Commission, changes are taking place within the respective shipping businesses which will shape their prospects.

Trafalgar House, through Cunard Brocklebank, has a stake in Atlantic Container Lines (ACL) which might at last be set for a rates rise on its transatlantic cargo services.

What is fascinating the shipping market, however, is the possibility that Overseas Containers Ltd (OCL) – in which P & O is the major consortium member – will be tempted to encroach on the Europe-North America trade which seems to be on the verge of big changes.

OCL is replacing four thirsty fast vessels with five diesel-powered ships, costing $300m, from March. That will almost double capacity at just the right time.

United States Lines, however, has ordered a dozen new ships, each to carry 3,500 containers. Such a fleet appears to mean a new round-the-world service.

That would not only have an impact on the transatlantic market which Taiwan-based Evergreen Lines may soon join but could also bite into OCL's global routes.

But an OCL move into the transatlantic market would be conditioned by the fact that it wants to expand its business, but does not have much choice.

It has extended its Australian and Far East business to South Africa (which would rule out Nigeria) and to New Zealand. The possibility of absorbing a transatlantic and US Gulf service run by consortium partners is not thought likely. South America is fraught with difficulties. Considering its customer base, the transatlantic looks the only remaining option.

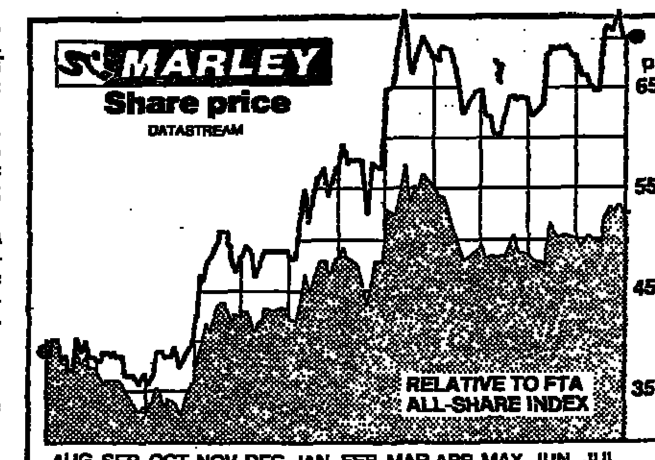
Tempting though the North Atlantic run could be to OCL – despite the possibility that more players could hold rates down – the consortium is also constrained by its ownership. Floating OCL shares has been mooted for a decade and looked a serious possibility before the Trafalgar bid for P & O.

The complication is that P & O has about 47 per cent of OCL, compared with 33 per cent held by Ocean Transport and Trading and 19 per cent by British and Commonwealth Shipping.

If the Trafalgar id succeeds, the P & O stake must be offered to the other consortium partners. Ocean favours OCL going public, and in that event, OCL would be free to break into the transatlantic trade. And that would in turn rebound on ACL and Trafalgar.

Marley

Marley
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £10.26m (£3.67m)
Stated earnings 2.8p (0.4p)
Turnover £236.2m (£193.6m)
Net interim dividend 1.2p (1p) scrip option
Share price 72.5. Yield 2.36
Dividend payable 3.10.83



Marley's 180 per cent increase in pretax profits for first six months of the year, ahead of market expectations, largely springs from the upturn in the construction industry, where the company produces roof and floor tiles and plastics products such as guttering.

But its reorganized do-it-yourself chain is also coming good, with some overseas operations looking better although trading profits are about the same as last year.

Borrowings, still high at the year-end at £93m, have been marginally reduced in a first-half period which usually sees them higher than at the year end. That, and lower interest rates, have reduced interest payments by nearly £2m to £5.9m.

Construction products account for about half Marley's turnover, but the biggest beneficiary of the construction recovery was roof-tiling.

Gross margins also appear to have improved slightly and production costs have been kept down.

The problem in construction would come from interest rates lurching markedly upwards. That could bring a cooling off, hitting Marley next year rather than during 1985 when the next cyclical turn is due.

With analysts now looking for a virtual doubling of pretax profits to at least £23m in the full year and earnings per share generously higher, there is obviously room for an increased final dividend. With its high gearing, the company would be an obvious candidate for a rights issue later this year if it were not for resistance to the idea on tax inefficiency grounds.

Glynwed

GLYNWED INTERNATIONAL
Half-year to 25.6.83
Pretax profit £8.07m (£6.4m)
Stated earnings 7.12p (6.45p)
Turnover £232m (£202m)
Net interim 2.45p (same)
Share price 115p up 6p Yield 6.08%.

Glynwed International is one of the few Birmingham-based steel and engineering companies able to produce sparkling results.

Interim pretax profits to June 25 are up by 26 per cent to £8.07m largely because of a strong contribution from the Ductiles steels business which was acquired late last year. More than £4m in cash has been squeezed from the Ductiles business since the acquisition and further gains should be made as management and marketing are strengthened. This helped swell profits in Britain by £2.7m, compared with last year, while overseas profits fell back by £1.1m after weak performances in South Africa where the economy is in deep recession, and the US.

Present expectations are that profits for the seond half should comfortably exceed those of the first six months.

With final profits of £17m likely the shares continue to rate as a recovery stock at 115p, backed by a strong yield of 6.08 per cent.

COMMODITIES

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices:
Official turnover figures.
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER
Cash 1121.00–1122.00
Three months 1146.00–1146.50
T/O: 4375
Steady.
STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 1086.00–1088.00
Three months 8670–8675
T/O: 525
Steadier.
TIN STANDARD
Cash 8575–8580
Three months 8670–8675
T. O: 730
Steady.
TIN HIGH-GRADE
Cash 8578–8585
Three months 8680–8685
T/O: Nil.
Nil.
LEAD
Cash 264.00–264.50
Three months 274.00–274.50
T. O. 2425.
Steadier.
ZINC
Cash 515.50–516.50
Three months 531.00–531.50
T/O: 2500
Steady.
ALUMINIUM
Cash 1028.00–1029.00
Three months 1056.00–1056.50
T/O: 7450
Barely steady.
NICKEL
Cash 3180–3185
Three months 6262–6263
T/O: 144
Steady.

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
In US$ per oz.
Aug 411.00–413.00
Sep 414.00–416.00
Oct 418.50–419.00
Nov 421.00–422.00
Dec 426.20–426.60
Jan 429.00–429.50
Feb 433.70–434.40
Vol: 512
Tone: Quite.

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £'s per tonne;
Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton;
Gas-oil in US per metric ton.

RUBBER
Sep 820–07
Oct 820–12
Oct/Dec 807–06
Jan/Mch 830–29
Apl/Jne 850–48
Jly/Sep 870–67
Oct/Dec 889–85
Jan/Mch 907–906
Apl/Jne 928–24
Vol: 61
Very Quiet.
SUGAR
Oct 199.80
Dec 206.00–05.00
Mch 215.00
May 218.00–17.50
Vol: 8947
Steadier.
COFFEE
Sep 1670–68
Nov 1660–58
Jan 1636–35
Mar 1606–05
May 1585–84
July 1565–64
Sept 1551–45
Vol: 4287
Uncertain.
COCOA
Sep 1695–94
Dec 1704–03
Mar 1698–97
May 1685–84
July 1700–90
Sep 1651–48
Vol: 9028
Steadier.
GAS OIL
Aug 253.00–252.75
Sept 257.50–257.25
Oct 262.25–262.00
Nov 266.00–265.75
Dec 270.25–270.00
Jan 271.00–269.50
Feb 267.75–263.00
Mch 268.00–261.00
Apl 272.00–260.00
Vol: 2399
Easier.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES
Rudolf Wolff Financial Services Ltd.

Month	Volume	Settlement
YEN		
Sept	21	4127
Dec	–	4170
Mar'84	–	–
Comment: Steady.		
STERLING		
Sept	629	15045
Dec	–	15068
Mar'84	–	15088
Comment: Holding		
D-MARK		
Sept	104	3778
Dec	–	3826
Mar'84	–	3871
Comment: Slightly weaker.		
SWISS FRANC		
Sept	28	4669
Dec	–	–
Mar'84	–	–
Comment: Weak.		
EURODOLLARS		
Sept	2322	8940
Dec	144	8899
Mar'84	21	8873
June'84	–	8862
Sep'84	–	8849
Comment: Hesitant.		
SHORT STERLING		
Sept	681	8990
Dec	222	8954
Mar'84	84	8926
June'84	–	8906
Sept'84	–	8895
Comment: Mixed.		
GILTS:		
Sept	3472	10111
Dec	36	10300
Mar'84	–	10222
June'84	–	10217
Sep'84	–	10202
Comment: Uncertain.		

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION:
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 3:
GB: Cattle, 96.94p per kg lw (–1.00).
GB: Sheep, 135.82p per kg est d c w (–0.88).
GB: Pigs, 65.44p per kg lw (+0.48).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 28.6 per cent, ave. price, 96.20p (–1.58).
Sheep nos. down 7.0 per cent, ave. price, 136.64p (–1.50).
Pig nos. up 8.8 per cent, ave. price, 65.44p (+0.48) (+0.48).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 9.4 per cent, ave. price, 94.77p (+0.56).
Sheep nos. up 21.0 per cent, ave. price, 126.98p (+10.44).

London Grain Futures Market

Month	WHEAT Close	BARLEY Close
Sep	£117.75	112.30
Nov	£120.20	115.60
Jan	£123.65	119.10
Mar	£126.75	122.10
May	£130.30	124.60
Jly	£133.50	–

Total lots traded
Wheat: 70
Barley: 240

Scusa shares are to be allocated to preferential applicants on the basis of one for every two shares in Security Centres Holdings. A further announcement will be made about the allocation of excess shares.

The excess shares have been allocated on the basis of approximately 3.5 per cent of the total number applied for by preferential applicants.

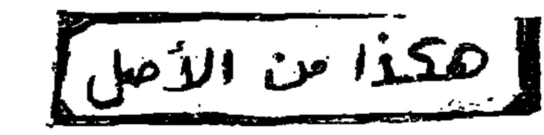
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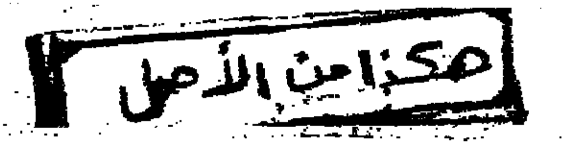
Joseph Webb
Year to 31.3.83
Pretax profit £122,351 (£435,405)
Stated earnings 0.2p (1.5p)
Turnover £4,915,000 (£5,268,000)
Net final dividend 0.37p
Dividend payable 3.10.83

Waverley Cameron
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profits £15.246 (loss £72.263)
Stated earnings 1.27p (loss 4.66p)
Turnover £1.116m (£1.009m)

D. A. D. Properties
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £336,629 (£265,168)
Stated earnings 1.18 (0.94p)
Gross rental £449,171 (£340,090)
Net interim dividend 0.5p
Dividend payable 31.8.83
*Figures in £IR

Asprey and Co
Year to 31.3.83
Pretax profit £5,442,000 (£4,869,000)
Stated earnings 62 5p (51 88p)
Turnover £24,763,000 (£23,953,000)





Local agencies could be given state subsidy

Private sector may get bigger role in helping small firms

Mr David Trippier, right, now our "small firms minister", once set up a local agency to help this traditionally important business sector now in difficulties. He is formulating a government policy on the subject. Jeremy Warner reports.



Government officials are planning a big expansion in the role of private sector local enterprise agencies as the main plank of a new small firms policy being developed by Mr David Trippier, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and Industry who is being dubbed "the small firms minister".

He wants to rationalize about 70 schemes the Conservatives have set up since 1979 to help small businesses. He is also looking at a change in the tax rules which would allow small companies to attract bright young managers by offering share options to compensate for loss of earnings and fringe benefits.

The planned changes in small firms policy coincides with a welter of public critisism on the effectiveness of what has already been done in the field.

The Association of Independent Businesses has said that "the smaller business community is appalled that the Government's initiative for independent firms is running out of steam".

Mr Philip Bayliss, the association's chairman said the Government was exaggerating what has been done for the small business sector, and that larger firms had been helped more during the recession.

Others have accused the Government of using the small firms bandwagon as no more than a cheap way of making political capital.

One of the survey's key recommendations was that local private sector agencies should be more effectively used as business advisory centres provided they are given a subsidy to recruit specialist staff.

Mr Trippier, a former stockbroker who himself set up one of these local agencies, the Rossendale Enterprise Trust, in Lancashire, has seized on this as the way forward. This neatly combines a method of making small firms more aware of what is available and party demands for as much private sector involvement as possible in what used to be regarded as public sector preserves.

At present, there are 160 agencies, but Mr Trippier hopes to see more than 300 in two to three years. Government money is available for setting up agencies through the Business in the Community umbrella scheme and more permanent cash aid can be forthcoming from local authorities. But the key to the agencies is private sector money and help.

A new government film has been commissioned to be released in October on local enterprise agencies. It will be shown to a wide range of large companies, professional bodies and educational establishments in an effort to persuade them to use the agencies and – more vitally – to back them wih money and seconded executives.

A new marketing consultancy and training service which the Government was to have fed through its Small Firms Advisory Service and backed with funds of up to £10m, is now likely to be channelled through the agencies. They will be linked to the 12 regional small firms advisory centres run by the Department, by having direct access to the 258 business councillors retained by the Department, and attached to the centres. This could lead to the private agencies taking over much of the centres' work.

The agencies have already been sent literature put out both by the Department directly and by the British Overseas Trade Board on export services and there is talk that a large part of the BOTB services may eventually be contracted out to local chambers of commerce. They already arrange many overseas missions and the enterprise agencies usually work under their umbrella.

It is all part of what Mr Trippier calls getting the local community to pull itself up by its own boot straps. A recent visit to the London Enterprise Agency, which is the largest in the country and is almost exclusively private sector financed, left him impressed with the role it has developed offering inexpensive management and small business training.

"Over the last four years there have been 108 measures introduced to help small businessmen," says Mr Trippier. "But this has created its own problem because there seems to be very little awareness of what help is available. I have taken the view that we should not create any new schemes until we have rationalized what we already have and get more extensive use of what is on offer. Hopefully, all our plans will be finalized by the autumn."

An exception to this could be tax concessions in the next Budget to help developing small firms rather than start ups.

Serious consideration is being given to taxing executive share options as capital rather than income so that they can be used more effectively to persuade bright young managers to leave a secure highly paid job with firing benefits in a large company for a lower paid and insecure one with a smaller company.

But if the private sector is encouraged to play a bigger role in developing small businesses and the Government's package of measures is streamlined and becomes better directed, there is still an overwelming job to be done in dismantling the barriers to small business development and encouraging the start up of less frivolous ventures that most of the anecdotal evidence on start ups suggest is the present norm. Better Government research on the needs and development of the small business sector would also prove invaluable.

WALL STREET

Washington (AP-DJ) – The Bank of America, the country's largest bank, has agreed to pay $108,000 (£72,000) for allegedly handling letters of credit that aided the Arab boycott of Israel.

It was the largest fine ever imposed on a US bank and the ninth penalty ordered for the offence in the last 10 months.

	Aug 2	Aug 1		Aug 2	Aug 1		Aug 2	Aug 1
AMF Inc	16⅛	16⅜	Fst Intrst Bncp	44⅛	43	Polaroid	27	27
AMR	32⅛	33	Fst Penn Corp	7⅛	7⅛	PPG Ind	62⅞	62⅜
Allied Chem	53⅞	53⅞	Ford	57⅞	58⅜	Proctor Gamble	51⅜	51
Allied Stores	52¼	52	GAF Corp	15⅜	15⅜	Pub Ser El & Gas	23⅛	23⅛
Allis Chalmers	15⅞	15⅞	GTE Corp	44⅞	44⅛	Raytheon	48⅞	48
Alcoa	37¾	38	Gen Dynamics	53⅜	53⅞	RCA Corp	27⅛	27⅞
Amax Inc	26⅞	26¾	Gen Electric	49	49	Republic Steel	21⅞	22⅜
Amerada Hess	29⅛	29⅛	Gen Foods	44⅜	45	Reynolds Ind	50⅞	50⅞
Am Brands	49⅜	50	Gen Mills	51¼	50⅜	Reynolds Metal	35	35⅞
Am Broadcast	57¾	57⅜	Gen Motors	71	73	Rockwell Int	31⅛	31⅞
Am Can	40¼	41	Gen Pub Util NY	8⅞	8⅞	Royal Dutch	45⅞	45⅞
Am Cyanamid	40⅞	40⅞	Gen Tire	31⅛	32⅛	Safeways	28⅜	28⅜
Am Elec Power	18⅝	18⅝	Genesco	8¼	8¼	St Regis Paper	28⅜	28⅜
Am Home	46¼	45⅛	Georgia Pacific	24⅜	24⅞	Santa Fe Ind	29⅜	29⅜
Am Motors	7¾	7¾	Getty Oil	64	63⅜	SCM	33⅛	33⅛
Am Nat Res	36⅞	36	Gillette	43	43⅞	Schlumberger	55⅞	55⅜
Am Standard	32⅞	32⅝	Goodrich	36½	37⅜	Scott Paper	25⅞	25⅞
Am Telephone	60⅛	60⅜	Goodyear	27⅛	28⅛	Seagram	29⅜	30
Armco Steel	17⅞	17⅝	Gould Inc	35⅞	35⅜	Sears Roebuck	41⅛	42
Asarco	36¼	35⅛	Grace	43⅞	43⅛	Shell Oil	43⅜	43
Ashland Oil	29⅛	29	Gt Atlic & Pacific	12⅝	12½	Shell Trans	34½	34¼
Atlntic Richfield	48⅞	47⅞	Greyhound	22⅞	25	Signal Co	33⅞	34
Avco	32	32	Grumman Corp	57⅞	58⅛	Singer	28⅜	28⅛
Avon Products	28	28¼	Gulf Oil	36¼	36⅛	Smithkline Beck	65⅜	65⅜
Bankers Tst NY	42⅛	41½	Gulf & West	26⅜	26¼	Sony	13⅞	14
Bank of America	22⅞	22⅝	Heinz H. J.	41⅞	41⅞	Sth Cal Edison	36⅜	35⅞
Bank of Boston	38⅞	38	Hercules	37⅞	37⅛	Southern Pacific	37⅜	37⅜
Bank of NY	60⅞	61	Honeywell	117⅝	120	Sperry Corp	41⅞	41
Beatrice Foods	28¼	28⅛	IC Inds	45⅝	45⅛	Std Oil Califnia	35⅛	35⅜
Bethlehem Steel	21¼	21⅛	Ingersoll	52	51⅞	Std Oil Indiana	51¼	50⅛
Boeing	40⅛	42⅝	Inland Steel	28¼	28⅛	Std Oil Ohio	50½	49⅜
Boise Cascade	35⅞	35½	IBM	120¼	120⅝	Sterling Drug	26⅞	26⅜
Burden	56⅞	56½	Int Harvester	10	9⅞	Stevens J. P.	22	22
Borg Warner	44	43⅞	INCO	15⅜	15⅞	Sun Comp	42¼	42⅞
Bristol Myers	38¼	38⅞	Int Paper	53⅞	52⅜	Teledyne	156⅞	159
BP	22⅜	22⅝	Int Tel Tel	45	45⅛	Tenneco	40	39⅛
Burlington Ind	36¼	36⅝	Irving Bank	48⅞	49⅜	Texaco	35⅞	36⅞
Burlington Nthn	88⅜	87	Jewel Co	50⅞	51⅛	Texas Ean Corp	60⅞	59⅞
Burroughs	51⅞	51⅝	Jim Walter	34⅛	35⅜	Texas Inst	100⅛	100
Campbell Soup	50¼	49⅛	Johnson & John	43⅛	43⅜	Texas Utilities	25⅜	24½
Canadian Pacific	36¼	38⅛	Kaiser Alumin	19	19⅞	Textron	32⅞	33
Caterpillar	44¼	43⅝	Kerr McGee	33⅛	34½	TWA	25⅜	25⅜
Celanese	68	69	Kimberly Clark	88¼	88⅞	Travelers Corp	29⅜	28⅜
Central Soya	14⅝	14⅝	K Mart	32⅞	33⅞	TRW Inc	72⅞	71⅜
Chase Manhat	48	49⅝	Kroger	39¼	39	UAL Inc	33⅞	34½
Chem Bank NY	48⅞	48⅜	L.T.V. Corp	14	15⅜	Union Carbide	64⅞	65⅜
Chrysler	28⅛	27⅛	Litton	62⅜	62⅜	Union Oil Calif	31	31
Citicorp	37⅞	37	Lockheed	114⅞	112⅜	Un Pacific Corp	55⅜	55⅜
Clark Equip	31⅞	31½	Lucky Stores	22⅛	22⅛	Uniroyal	14½	14⅛
Coca Cola	48⅝	49⅝	Manuf Hanover	38⅜	38⅜	United Brands	20⅜	19⅜
Colgate	21	21⅛	Manville Cp	13½	13⅛	US Industries	16	16⅛
CBS	68	67¼	Mapco	23½	23⅜	US Steel	24⅛	24⅜
Columbia Gas	31⅞	31⅛	Marine Midland	25	26	Utd Technol	67½	67⅜
Combustion Eng	34⅝	34⅞	Martin Marietta	61	61½	Wachovia	40⅞	40⅜
Comwlth Edison	25⅜	25⅜	McDonnell	55⅞	55	Warner Comms	22⅜	22⅜
Cons Edison	22⅜	22⅜	Mead	33	33⅛	Warner Lambert	27⅜	27⅜
Cons Foods	40⅛	40⅞	Merck	95⅞	94⅜	Wells Fargo	33⅞	34⅛
Cons Power	18⅛	18⅛	Minnesota Mng	79½	79½	Westinghse Elec	44⅜	45⅜
Continental Grp	40	39	Mobil Oil	30	30	Weyerhauser	33⅞	33½
Control Data	53⅞	53⅜	Monsanto	98	100⅞	Whirlpool	51	51⅛
Corning Glass	75⅞	76⅛	Morgan J. P.	71⅞	71⅞	Woolworth	36½	36⅜
CPC Intnl	38¼	38⅜	Motorola	135⅜	138⅜	Xerox Corp	45⅛	45½
Crane	32⅛	33	NCR Corp	127½	129⅜	Zenith	29	27⅜
Crocker Int	29⅞	29¼	NL Industries	18⅛	18½	**Canadian Prices**		
Crown Zeller	28⅜	28⅝	Nabisco	35⅞	35½	Abitibi	24	24
Dart & Kraft	64⅜	64⅞	Nat Distillers	27⅜	27½	Alcan Alumin	43½	44½
Deere	37⅝	36⅛	Nat Med Ent	27⅜	27⅞	Algoma Steel	35	35½
Delta Air	31	31⅛	Nat Steel	24	24⅞	Bell Telephone	26	26⅜
Detroit Edison	14⅛	14⅛	Norfolk South	57	55⅞	Cominco	55⅛	55
Disney	64⅝	63⅜	NW Bancorp	35	34⅛	Cons Bathurst	21½	21½
Dow Chemical	34	34⅞	Norton Simon	33¼	32⅛	Gulf Oil	18⅛	18⅛
Dresser Ind	22¼	23⅜	Occidental Pet	23⅜	23⅛	Hawker/Sid Can	14⅞	14⅞
Duke Power	23	22⅞	Ogden	27⅜	27⅜	Hudson Bay Min	16⅞	16⅞
Du Pont	47⅞	47⅞	Olin Corp	28⅜	28⅛	Imasco	32	32
Eastern Air	8¼	8⅞	Owens-Illinois	34	35	Imperial Oil	37⅛	38¼
Eastman Kodak	73⅞	72⅞	Pacific Gas Elec	15⅛	14⅞	Int Pipe	26⅜	27½
Eaton Corp	39⅞	41	Pan Am	8	7⅞	Mass.-Fergsn	5⅞	5⅜
El Paso Nat Gas	19⅜	19½	Penney J. C.	57⅞	58	Royal Trustco	28	28
Esmark	74⅛	74⅞	Pennzoil	39⅛	38⅞	Seagram	37⅞	37⅞
Evans P. D.	15⅜	16⅜	Pepsico	34⅜	34⅞	Steel Co	28⅜	28⅜
Exxon Corp	36¼	36½	Pfizer	37⅛	37⅛	Thomson N 'A'	35⅛	35⅛
Fed Dept Stores	63⅞	62⅞	Phelps Dodge	29	28⅞	Walker Hiram	26⅜	26⅛
Firestone	18⅞	18⅜	Philip Morris	59⅛	58⅞	WCT	14	13⅞
Fst Chicago	25⅜	24⅝	Phillips Petrol	34⅛	33⅞			

• Ex div. a Asked. e Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

APPOINTMENTS

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group: The Rt Hon The Earl of Airlie will join the board on September 1. Lord Airlie has served on the board of one of the group's constituent banks, The Royal Bank of Scotland, for some years but will be relinquishing that appointment from August 31.

Norman Broadbent International: Mr David Norman has become chairman. Mr Miles Broadbent has been appointed managing director. Previously he was managing director of Russell Reynolds Associates. Mr Julian Sainty, also previously with Russell Reynolds Associates, and Mr James H. Bathurst become directors.

Kartret Switchgear: Mr B. Das has been made a director of the company which is a subsidiary of the Charterhouse Group.

Countrywide Advertising & Marketing: Mr Neil Backwith has been appointed to the board.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9½	%
Barclays	9½	%
BCCI	9½	%
Citibank Savings	†10	%
Consolidated Crds	9½	%
C. Hoare & Co	*9½	%
Lloyds Bank	9½	%
Midland Bank	9½	%
Nat Westminster	9½	%
TSB	9½	%
Williams & Glyn's	9½	%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6%: £10,000 up to £50,000, 7%: £50,000 and over, 8%.

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

To the Holders of

Esso Overseas Finance N.V.

9% Guaranteed Debentures Due 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture dated as of September 15, 1970 providing for the above Debentures, said Debentures aggregating $1,200,000 principal amount have been selected for redemption on September 15, 1983 through operation of the Sinking Fund at the redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to said date, as follows:

Outstanding Debentures of $1,000 each of prefix "M" bearing the distinctive numbers ending in any of the following two digits:

00 09 16 26 28 29 31 34 35 38 45 52 67 87 89 94

Also Debentures of $1,000 each of prefix "M" bearing the following serial numbers:

9	1409	2309	3709	5809	7009	8309	9609	10209	10709	11709	13809	15909	17009	18809
309	1809	2409	4509	6209	7509	8609	9709	10309	11009	12909	14909	16109	17209	19009
409	1909	2809	4709	6409	7609	9009	9809	10409	11209	13009	15109	16309	17509	19509
709	2009	3209	4909	6509	8109	9409	10009	10509	11409	13209	15609	16509	17909	19909
909	2209	3309	5709	6609	8209	9509	10109	10609	11509	13609	15809	16609	18409	

Payment will be made upon presentation and surrender of the above Debentures with coupons due September 15, 1984 and subsequent coupons attached at the main offices of any of the following: **Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 30 West Broadway, New York, New York 10015**; *Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York in Brussels, Frankfurt am Main, London, Paris and Zurich*; Credito Romagnolo S.p.A. in Milan and Rome; Bank Mees & Hope N.V. in Amsterdam; and Kredietbank S.A. Luxembourgeoise in Luxembourg. Coupons due September 15, 1983 should be detached and collected in the usual manner.

On and after September 15, 1983 interest shall cease to accrue on the Debentures selected for redemption.

ESSO OVERSEAS FINANCE N.V.

Dated: August 4, 1983

Redemption Notice

Hamersley Iron Finance N.V.

9½% Guaranteed Debentures Due 1985

Unconditionally Guaranteed as to Principal and Interest by

HAMERSLEY HOLDINGS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture dated as of September 1, 1970 under which the above-described Debentures are issued, Citibank, N.A. (formerly First National City Bank), as Trustee, has selected for redemption on September 1, 1983, (the "Redemption Date") at the principal amount thereof (the "Redemption Price"), through the operation of the Sinking Fund provided for in the said Indenture, $1,820,000 principal amount of Debentures of the said issue of the following distinctive numbers:

COUPON DEBENTURES OF $1,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OUTSTANDING

313	1788	3039	4081	5205	6171	7274	8697	9740	10840	11679	12715	14059	15076	16187	17467	19065
21	1791	3045	4101	5253	6174	7276	8698	9741	10846	11697	12728	14058	15084	16191	17473	19067
24	1810	3049	4106	5261	6177	7278	8700	9747	10861	11717	12730	14087	15092	16194	17488	19089
31	1816	3086	4191	5267	6207	7336	8706	9750	10865	11718	12733	14089	15095	16196	17490	19090
33	1901	3089	4193	5271	6211	7341	8707	9775	10868	11723	12734	14108	15096	16216	17492	19094
51	1910	3093	4217	5274	6216	7343	8718	9777	10869	11728	12735	14109	15105	16221	17494	19107
53	1930	3094	4218	5283	6223	7367	8728	9779	10873	11847	12738	14116	15109	16222	17495	19108
64	1945	3096	4221	5293	6224	7386	8736	9799	10874	11848	12744	14117	15116	16227	17496	19119
84	1948	3099	4223	5303	6228	7434	8738	9800	10898	11850	12751	14118	15120	16251	17520	19147
104	1950	3100	4231	5305	6230	7436	8744	9818	10905	11852	12756	14122	15126	16255	17521	19151
248	1959	3102	4235	5307	6235	7454	8769	9823	10925	11853	12777	14151	15127	16256	17522	19160
369	1976	3113	4243	5308	6238	7456	8783	9836	10934	11859	12782	14170	15135	16260	17528	19168
412	2000	3157	4244	5320	6241	7458	8787	9837	10935	11864	12796	14171	15137	16261	17540	19171
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1645	2986	4048	4998	6096	7161	8648	9683	10764	11557	12656	13965	15036	16099	17442	18872	
1646	2990	4057	4999	6100	7167	8658	9685	10778	11559	12662	13976	15041	16114	17445	18873	
1650	2999	4061	5074	6130	7177	8661	9699	10786	11561	12667	13980	15042	16128	17447	18912	
1670	3009	4064	5113	6131	7178	8666	9710	10788	11575	12668	13984	15047	16133	17448	18915	
1687	3011	4068	5114	6143	7179	8671	9711	10789	11577	12672	13989	15049	16136	17449	18970	
1689	3014	4069	5116	6147	7180	8673	9726	10793	11592	12674	13996	15050	16151	17452	18998	
1713	3017	4071	5134	6149	7184	8676	9728	10794	11635	12682	14000	15057	16157	17459	19037	
1715	3021	4086	5136	6157	7186	8689	9732	10818	11641	12683	14001	15068	16162	17462	19049	
1754	3033	4087	5175	6161	7187	8691	9734	10827	11644	12702	14002	15071	16166	17464	19053	
1773	3035	4088	5199	6165	7194	8694	9737	10838	11674	12704	14003	15075	16178	17465	19054	

The Debentures specified above are to be redeemed for the said Sinking Fund at the option of the holder (a) at the **Receive and Deliver Windows of Citibank, N.A.**, Trustee under the Indenture referred to above, **111 Wall Street—5th floor, New York, New York 10043** or (b) subject to any laws or regulations applicable thereto, at the main offices of Citibank, N.A. in **Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt (Main), Geneva, London (Citibank House)**, and **Paris** and the main office of **Banque Générale du Luxembourg S.A.** in Luxembourg, the Company's Paying Agents. *Payment at the offices referred to in (b) above will* be made by check drawn on, or transfer to a dollar account maintained by the Holder with, a bank in The City of New York. On the Redemption Date such Debentures shall become due and payable at the Redemption Price and on and after such date, interest on the said Debentures will cease to accrue and the *coupons for such interest shall be void.*

The Debentures specified above should be presented and surrendered at the offices set forth in the preceeding paragraph on the said date together with all interest coupons maturing subsequent to the Redemption Date. Coupons due September 1, 1983 should be detached and presented for payment in the usual manner.

For HAMERSLEY IRON FINANCE N.V.
By CITIBANK, N.A.
Trustee

July 28, 1983

GOLF: SYMPATHY BUT NO OLIVE BRANCHES

Barnes finds the cause of his season in shadows of depression

From Mitchell Platts, Zandvoort

The cruellest aspect of the game of golf is the dark shadow it can cast over a player at the peak of his career. It takes its toll at vastly contrasting levels. Peter Alliss retired from full-time playing because he was suffering from the syndrome known as the "yips"; the American Bert Yancey bowed out of the game as a result of depression.

For Brian Barnes this has been a season of undiluted distress. He returns after a one week holiday for the £80,000 Dutch Open, sponsored by KLM, starting on the Kennemer course here today in the knowledge that he is languishing in 49th position in the official money list. Barnes has failed to finish each of the last four tournaments in which he has competed.

There have been conflicting rumours about his dramatic decline. Now he has arrived with the diagnosis from his doctor that he has been suffering from depression. The doctor stressed that the best cure would be to take one month off. Barnes argued that he has already had six months off this season. That alone, is probably a good sign.

Barnes has been put on a course of anti-depressant tablets. He is not expecting miracles overnight. He says: "It is still hard looking at a golf ball. I never thought that anything of this nature could happen to me. But I am not the kind of couldn't care less person everyone takes me as. I bottle things up inside.

There is much sympathy for Barnes on the tour but golfers are professional sportsmen and so that sympathy will not extend to offeringg an olive branch on the golf course. In fact, with Sandy Lyle, who recently became a father for the first time, Sam Torrance and Bernard Gallacher also returning following a break it promises to be a fascinating week.

The Duch federation have almost doubled the first prize from last year, when Paul Way won, and Lyle is well aware that the £13,330 top prize would give him a marvellous start in his efforts to close the gap on the current money leader, Nick Faldo. The hope of Way successfully defending his title could be hindered by an injury to his right eye.

He unsuccessfully tried to imitate an American baseball player during practice and in swinging at a ball thrown at him he succeeded in hitting himself in the eye. The injury required five stitches but Way recalled that he once won a junior championship wearing a patch over his right eye.



Barnes: dramatic decline

Brown gives up post

After less than a year in office, Richard Brown has given up his post as tournament director of the PGA European tour. Mr Brown said "I decided to offer a consultancy service to tournament sponsors, and it was thought that might conflict with my work at the European tour. They asked me to leave immediately."

He said he had been invilved with tournament organization for more than 20 years, and "was probably the most experienced man in this field."

No joy in leadership

By John Hennessy, Golf Correspondent

Bryan Lewis, of Panshanger, drew away from the field in the National Assistants golf championship, sponsored by Foot-Joy, at Coombe Hill, yesterday. He had a second round of 72, two over par, for a total of 143, to lead Neil Hansen (Chigwell) by two strokes and Andrew Dyson (Gotts Park) by three

It ought, surely, to have been a moment for quiet satisfaction for Lewis, but he expressed great disappointment afterwards. "I played very badly, didn't release," he said. "I was too negative."

He had not set off with the intention of defending the lead he had shared the day before with two other players, but that was the mood that came upon him in the unaccustomed position at the head of affairs.

He used his driver only twice, preferring to steer the ball rather than hit out.

On the tight, tree-lined fairways of Coombe Hill, a leafy paradise under a brilliant sun not all that far from the big city, a little nous goes a long way, but this, even so, was overdoing things. After a storm the evening before there was less risk of an unkind bounce. But none could complain about the result. He dropped shots at five holes, but made suitable atonement by chipping dead at two of the long holes and wedging to eight feet at the 13th.

Hansen, on the other hand, arrived at Coombe Hill with his tactical plan of playing safe off the tee. Since his one-iron had been misbehaving, he had taken it to Eddie Whitcombe, who fetched it a few clouts with hammer and chisel to change the lie. The consistent result is two rounds of 72, 39 out and 33 home on both days.

His putter failed him four times from six feet or less in the first nine holes, but he finished strongly with birdies at the 13th, 15th and 18th. His three at the last was emulated by only one other player, Gary Coles, who alas could not otherwise emulate his father's golfing skills. The son, joint overnight leader, took 78 yesterday, to fall six strokes behind.

LEADING SCORES: 143: B Lewis (Panshanger), 71, 72. 144: N C Hansen (Chigwell), 72, 72. 146: A Dyson (Gotts Park), 75, 71. 147: D Ray (Long Ashton), 76, 71; L Fickling (Enfield), 76, 71. 148: I Grant (Orsett), 71, 77. 149: B Lane (The Downshire), 73, 76; G Coles (St George's Hill), 71, 78; T Morgan (Royal Forest of Dean), 73, 76; P Taylor (Sunningdale), 74, 75. 150: A Webster (Edzell), 74, 76; P Sowerby (Burford), 72, 78.

Playground of the stars

Los Angeles (Reuter) – The Riviera country club, like the Hollywood stars who dominate its membership, presents a larger-than-life backdrop for the United States PGA championship, which starts here today.

Located just off the famous Sunset Boulevard, Riviera winds its way across the floor of the narrow Santa Monica canyon. Palatial residences of the stars, built in a wide array of architecural styles, peep over the rim of the canyon walls like baronial castles.

This year's championship marks only the second time that Riviera has been host to a major championship and it has undergone little change since Ben Hogan won the United States Open there in 1948.

Riviera was conceived in 1925 as a golfing extension of the Los Angeles Athletic Club, with money no object. It was laid on 290 acres of tangled scrubland at the bottom of a ravine and when it opened in 1927, it had cost $243,827. The course boasted such features as wiry kikuyu grass from East Africa and aromatic Australian Eucalyptus trees with their hanging ribbons of bark.

The first members included Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford, setting a pattern that has continued through the years.

Among the present members are Sean Connery, Dean Martin, Mickey Rooney, Glen Campbell and the former US President, Gerald Ford.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	501	5	10	311	4
2	460	4	11	561	5
3	434	4	12	413	4
4	238	3	13	420	4
5	426	4	14	180	3
6	170	3	15	447	4
7	406	4	16	168	3
8	368	4	17	578	5
9	418	4	18	447	4
Out	3,421	35	In	3,525	

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH (One day)
THE OVAL: Surrey v New Zealanders (11.0 – 7.30)
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP
Heywood: Lancashire v Yorkshire; Uxbridge: Middlesex v Kent; Nottingham: Nottinghamshire v Sussex; Norbury: Surrey v Essex; Worcester: Worcestershire v Warwickshire.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP
Finchampstead: Berkshire v Dorset; Torquay: Devon v Buckinghamshire; Lakenham: Norfolk v Hertfordshire; March: Cambridgeshire v Lincolnshire; Bury St Edmunds: Suffolk v Staffordshire.

OTHER SPORT

CROQUET:
Hurlingham tournament.
FOOTBALL: Middlesex Charity Cup: Hayes v Feltham (kick-off 7.30).

ROWING

Controversy continues over selectors' new choices

By Jim Railton

It is fortunate that British rowing selectors, unlike their collegues in athletics, do not face the problem of doubling-up their selections. In their choice of single selections for the 18 rowing disciplines in this year's world championships alone animosity towards the selectors has been above par for the course.

This has included a protest to the international governing body, an approach to a major sponsor, the involvement of the popular press, a breakaway pirate group and a physical attack on an official.

At least the selection boards in one case have stopped the tail wagging the dog but one must approach next month's championships with some trepidation. The men's heavyweight team had already selected on merit Steve Redgrave in the single sculls and the coxed four. Four crews were added yesterday: the coxless pair of Hassan and Scrivener, from the Lea; the coxless four which just missed the final in Lucerne; a new untested eight; and Chris Ballieu and Jon Spencer-Jones in the double sculls.

The new men's eight is basically Britain's second best coxed four from Kingston to which are added the good pairs in Hill and Field, of Tyrian (Henley winners and national champions) together with Fuller and Genziani (finalist in coxed pairs in Lucerne).

Altogether, the new eight, which could be described as a holding eight until next year's Olympic Games and containing new internationals, has never raced and contains only Fuller and Jones with the experience of an international final. They face an unenviable task against New Zealand, East Germany, the Soviet Union, Canada, Australia, the United States, France West Germany and Czechoslovakia.

Ballieu and Spencer-Jones seemed to convince the selectors in Copenhagen last Saturday, but this time it was Spencer-Jones's turn to be off-colour and the British double did not compete on Sunday. Hassan and Scrivener earned their Union Jacks together with great credit for the Lea club by winning trials in Nottingham in coxless pairs against good class opposition (the tail-enders now of the new British eight).

The women selectors have revamped their whole squad and included six new vests in an eight and a four. Only Beryl Mitchell appears to stand a chance of a final place and a medal. There has been much controversy over the non-selection of Clark and Hodges in coxless pairs, who then refused a chance for the new eight or four. All arguments cease, however, after reference to the selectors' pre-season statement: "All registered squad members will be expected to row or scull in whatever crews the selectors and the co-ordinator may require. Anyone who is not prepared to abide by these conditions will not be considered for selection."

So that is the end of the story, albeit more controversy is likely to follow when the lightweight men's team is finally announced.

Men's heavyweight: Coxless pair: S. Hassan and J. Scrivener (Lea RC). Coxless four: R. Stanhope (London RC), bow, T. Cadoux-Hudson (London University), A. Clift (Hollingworth Lake), J. Bland (Oxford University), stroke. Double sculls: C. Ballieu (Leander) and J. Spencer-Jones (Bewdley). Spare men: M. Knight, J. Clift (Notts Co).

Women: Coxed four: T. Miller (Thames), bow, J. Conchi (Lea), J. Toch (Burway), K. Ball (Lea), stroke, S. Bailey (Thames), cox. Eight: K. Panter (Cambridge University), bow, S. Hunter-Jones (Thames), K. Marwick (Cambridge University), K. McNicol (London University), N. Boyes (Cambridge University), R. Howe (Poplar Blackwall & District), K. Holroyd (Bradford), G. Bond (Imperial College), stroke, B. Wilson (Molesey) cox.

OLYMPIC GAMES: Moscow (AP) – Vladimir Salnikov, the Soviet Olympic champion, and Anatoly Pimenov, national swimming coach, have branded inadequate the facilities for swimming competitions at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, Tass said.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Ralda ready to sign

The rapid strides made by Papua New Guinea since their emergence in the mid-seventies is underlined by Bradford Northern's attempts to sign the Papua New Guinea captain and second row forward, Phillip Ralda, Keith Macklin writes.

The signing is expected to go through within the next few days, and Bradford Northern are awaiting the final clearance from the Papua New Guinea Rugby League authorities. Ralda, aged 24, a strong running forward, would be the first player from his country to play professionally in England.

Papua New Guinea were originally regarded as just about a match for the Great Britain amateur touring sides. However, the game has advanced so much, with clubs springing up throughout the islands, that they can now boast a team capable of extending the Great Britain, France and Australasian senior sides.

The success of southern hemisphere players in Britain last season is encouraging further signings. Warrington are pursuing a Maori prop forward, Pat Poaser. Carlisle, having survived what appeared to be a terminal crisis last season, have signed a utility back Gary Peacham from Hull and the much-travelled prop forward Alan Rowley, from Workinton Town.

TENNIS

Quiet American defeats defending champion

Indianapolis (Reuter) – The unseeded Americah, Jimmy Brown, surprisingly beat the defending champion and No 1 seed, José Higueras, of Spain, 6-2,6-2, in the second round of the United States clay court championships.

Brown aged 18 and ranked only seventy-seventh in the world, used a patient baseline game in Tuesday's match against an uninspired and uncharacteristically sloppy Higueras (who is ranked sixth). The youngster's victory took 81 minutes.

Brown broke service twice in the first set. In the second set, the American built a 4-0 lead before Higueras briefly rallied to win the next two games.

In the women's singles, the No 1 seed, Andrea Temesvari, of Hungary, overcame her own careless play to beat Pilar Vasquez, 6-3, 6-3. In another second round match, Annabel Croft, of Britain, aged 17, was defeated by the No 2 seed, Kathy Rinaldi, but must have been encouraged by winning the first set after being three set points down.

INDIANAPOLIS: US Clay Court Championships: Men's singles: First round: F Cancellotti (It) bt J Alexander (Aus), 6-4, 7-5; C Motta (Br) bt R Venter (SA), 6-4, 6-3; M Martinez (Bol) bt B Drewett (Aus), 6-4, 6-3; D Carter (Aus) bt C Kirmayr (Br), 6-3, 6-2. Second round: S Glickstein (Isr) bt M Dickson (US), 6-3, 6-4; H Sundstrom (Swe) bt J Velasco (Col), 6-3, 6-4; D Perez (Uru) bt C Panatta (It), 6-1, 6-4; F Luna (Sp) bt D Tarr (SA), 7-5, 6-0; L Pimek (Cz) bt Z Kuharszky (Hun), 6-2, 4-6, 6-1; C Barazzutti (It) bt S Lipton (US), 6-3, 6-2; C Dowdeswell (GB) bt S Birner (Cz), 6-4, 4-6, 6-1; J Brown (US) bt J Higueras (Sp), 6-2, 6-2; J Arias (US) bt P Rebolledo (Chile), 6-2, 6-3; C Lewis (NZ) bt M Orantes (Sp), 7-6, 7-6. Women's singles: Second round (US unless stated): I Madruga-Osses (Arg) bt G Rush, 6-0, 6-0; B Herr bt G Purdy, 6-1, 6-1; C Bassett (Can) bt E Raponi-Longo (Arg), 6-4, 6-0; M Jausovec (Yugo) bt P Casale, 6-3, 6-3; A Temesvari (Hun) bt P Vasquez (Peru), 6-3, 6-3; K Horvath bt K Sands, 6-2, 7-5; D Fromholtz (Aus) bt S Foltz, 6-2, 6-2; I Budarova (Cz) bt J Russell, 7-5, 6-3; K Gompert bt B Gerken, 6-3, 6-3; K Gompert bt B Gerken, 6-3, 6-3; K Rinaldi bt A Croft (GB) 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.

● Colombus, Ohio (Reuter) – Eric Korita, an American student aged 20 had the best result of his career when he defeated the number two seed, Johan Kriek, 6-3, 7-6, in the first round of a grand prix tournament here.

Korita is an amateur whose service has been timed at 130mph. Recently it has been demoralizing highly ranked professional players and in Tuesday's match Korita also unsettled Kriek, ranked 15th in the world, with some excellent returns of service.

COLUMBUS, Ohio: Men's Grand Prix event (US unless stated): E Korita bt J Kriek, 6-3, 7-6; H Leconte bt N Saviano, 6-4, 6-1; R Tanner bt N Odizor (Nig), 6-3, 6-4; B Teacher bt T Wilkison, 7-6, 4-6, 7-5; B Gottfried t A Andrews, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; M Anger bt T Cain, 7-6, 6-3; S Denton bt S Smith, 6-3, 6-7, 7-5; C Hooper bt J Fitzgerald (Aus), 6-4, 7-6; M Mitchell bt F Bushing, 6-3, 6-3; J Fillol (Chile) bt C Wittus, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.

BOXING

Gardner: back from exile

Gardner reclaims patch

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

John L. Gardner yesterday staked his claim to the patch vacated by Joe Bugner when that former British and European heavyweight champion flew to America sour as sorrel that Frank Bruno would not get into the ring with him. While Gardner's connexions played down a Bruno meeting, Gardner chirped away. "The British and European scene has not got any better since I went away. I want my titles back".

Just in case that sounded too much like Bugner's first words after alighting on these shores Little Big John added: "Don't liken me to Bugner. I'm not here because I need the money. I have been living like a king in Tenerife looking after my block of apartments. I have been living the good life there. But suddenly I realized that I missed boxing too much to stay away any longer."

With that he hopped into the ring and flapped his wings against Andy Gerrard at the Thomas 'A Becket. He looked a little more cagey than before but at 30, and two years away from it all, he was entitled to be. But then be was just as easy to hit, too, as before.

As Dempsey, Marciano, Robinson and Turpin looked down from the walls speechless, Gardner's manager, Greg Steene, outlined his plans for the British, European and world titles and the unreachable Frank Bruno. "I'm going to ask the board to recognize his fight with Ricky James on September 22 at the Lyceum as a British title eliminator. Lucien Rodrigues has said that he will defend his European title against John if he wins against Syben this week.

"Terry Lawless is interested in the fight with Bruno. Sylvester Stallone has made us a $60,000 offer to fight Gordie Racette. You are going to see a different Gardner. You are going to see a lot of single-punch knockouts."

In the ring it was the young man from Wales who was punching the old champion from Tenerife.

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

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		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd. Royal Exchange, London, EC3P 3DN. 01-628 8011			
192.2	135.9	Guardhill	188.0	184.8	3.21
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		McAnally Fund Management Ltd. Regis House, King William St. EC4. 01-623 4951			
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34.3	25 8	Do Income	33.9	36.1e	7.10
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230 3	141.5	General (3)	327.3	344 4e	3.74
329.3	197 3	Do Accum	327.6	352.2	3.74
58.8	44 7	Gilt & Fixed	51.6	54.8e	10.95
67 2	47 0	Do Accum	63.7	67 7	10.95
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1982/83 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
192.4	98.7	Equity Pen	185.1	195.1	..
125.8	112.0	Prop Pen	125.8	132.6	..
161.1	113.2	Fxd Int Pen	156.3	164.7	..
125.5	112.4	Money Pen	125.5	132.1	..
155.5	112.4	High Yld Pen	155.0	163.3	..
265.6	134.9	AMEV/Fram Am	268.0	283.3	..
162.2	133.9	Do Income	162.7	192.5	..
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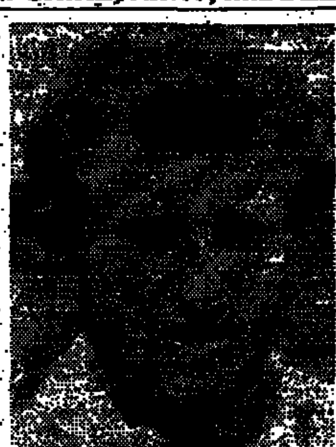
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127.8	99.4	Financial Fnd	123 6	130.2	..
176.3	131.1	Man Series 'A'	173.6	182.8	..
144.4	113.0	Do Series C	141.7	149.2	..
305.2	225.1	Do Units	300.7	316.6	..
144.7	107.0	High Yld Fnd	140.6	145.0	..
141.3	120.8	Money Series 'A'	141.3	148.8	..
178.6	168.0	Do Units	178.3	187 7	..
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1982/83 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
417.4	267.9	Equity Fnd	410.2		
212.8	185.6	Money Fnd	213.8		
223.5	157.9	Actuarial Fund	219.0		
188.3	142.5	Gilt Edged	182.5		
304.1	304 0	Ret Annuity (29)	330.1		
196.0	182.5	Immed Ann (33)	193.0		
280.4	149 0	International	269.6		
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CRICKET: HAMPSHIRE, KENT, MIDDLESEX AND SOMERSET REACH NATWEST TROPHY SEMI-FINALS

The four men who came to the fore in NatWest's last eight




Gard, of Somerset



Jarvis, of Kent



Barlow, of Middlesex




Smith, of Hampshire

Match that was over soon after the crowds were turned away

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

HOVE: Somerset beat Sussex by seven wickets.

It was over soon after 3.00, with Somerset through to the NatWest Trophy semi-finals. The crowd, which had filled every seat, were left wondering what to do, as they have known they would be from early in the day. Sussex, having been put in, were bowled out for 65. For Somerset to knock those off was a formality.

It was an awful anti-climax. The pitch was not a very good, there being a lot of lateral movement and occasionally a nasty bounce. There was no excuse, though, for Sussex to be bowled out in such glorious weather for so few. Obviously they are hopelessly short of form and confidence. Besides that, they were missing Greig and le Roux, who were injured. But they should have managed a 150 – enough to have made a game of it.

As although to do what he could to cheer things up in the time at his disposal, Richards hit four fours and a six, mostly off Pigott, just before the finish. It was a bit of luck that Roebuck, who had taken 17 overs to make eight, got out and let Richards in. Hitting at everything, Richards was himself out with Somerset still needing six to win. Whereupon, ironically, Sussex made life briefly embarrassing for Somerset.

With three needed, Lloyds had to retire hurt after being hit on the forehead as he hooked at Colin Wells. With two needed, Denning was leg-before and the match finished with Popplewell and Slocombe making quite a meal of the last single. Having *made a hash of the match,* Sussex then did the same with their public relations, insisting that the ground should be cleared by 4.15 when many were enjoying still being there.

Play began at 10.30, the pavement lined with people who had to be turned away. Every ticket had been sold in advance. Within an hour Sussex were 26 for 6 and the match, to all intents and purposes, was over. The prospect of watching Botham bowl had decided the chairman of selectors to have a day away from his office and Botham acknowledged him by *taking* four for 20, three useful wickets among thwm. If Peter May, I suspect, is keen to keep him in the England side, he will have been pleased about this, if not specially impressed by it.

Botham's resilience manifested itself on this occasion in the saddest of circumstances. *Overnight, his wife, Kathryn,* had lost the child she was expecting in the new year. They already have a son and daughter. Having been with Kathie in Humberside on Tuesday, Botham flew north again as soon as yesterday's match was finished.

In the sixth over of the morning Mendis gave Gard, keeping wicket for Somerset, the first of his five catches. At the end of the day Arthur Milton, looking for a man of the match, chose Gard. One of his catches, down the leg side off Richards, was a good one; the others were straightforward. The award, I think, was for wicketkeepers in general, more a gesture than recognition of an outstanding display.

Alan Wells, Imran and Parker, like Mendis, were all out speculating outside the off stump, the ball in each case leaving them. With Sussex needing, more than anything, to lay some sort of foundation, even if it took time, this was poor batting. Barclay was picked up at short leg off bat and pad, Popplewell falling forward for the catch; Gould, having snicked his first ball for four, was yorked by the second.

Imran, not known for his outspoken admiration of English umpiring, passed his return to the pavilion, casting lethal looks at David Shepherd, who had given him out. When the ball brushed his right glove Imran was of the opinion that, *in* trying to get himself out of trouble, he had taken his right hand off the handle. The law says the striker shall be out caught if the ball "touches below the wrist his hand or glove, holding the bat. . . ." It was a nice technical point.

Sussex, 59 for eight after 37 overs at *lunch, were all out* a quarter of an hour afterwards, sorry as much for the crowd as for themselves that they had not batted better. Their bowlers–Pigott, Colin Wells and Reeve–tried hard to the last. But it was no good. It had been the intention for Imran to bowl his 12 overs off his Sunday run. In the event, there was no point in risking him.

SUSSEX:

G D Mendis c Gard b Botham	4
*J R I Barclay c Popplewell b Garner	2
A P Wells c Gard b Garner	9
Imran Khan c Gard b Botham	1
C M Wells lbw b Garner	0
†I J Gould b Botham	4
P W G Parker c Gard b Dredge	5
C P Phillipson c Gard b Richards	13
A C S Pigott b Garner	17
D A Reeve not out	17
C E Waller b Botham	0
Extras (w 1, nb 3)	4
Total (40.4 overs)	65

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–8, 2–18, 3–20, 4–20, 5–24, 5–26, 7–36, 8–54, 9–64, 10–65.

BOWLING: Garner 11-7-8-4; Botham 9.4-4-20-4; Richards 11-1-21-1; Dredge 7-3-11-1; Marks 2-1-1-0.

SOMERSET:

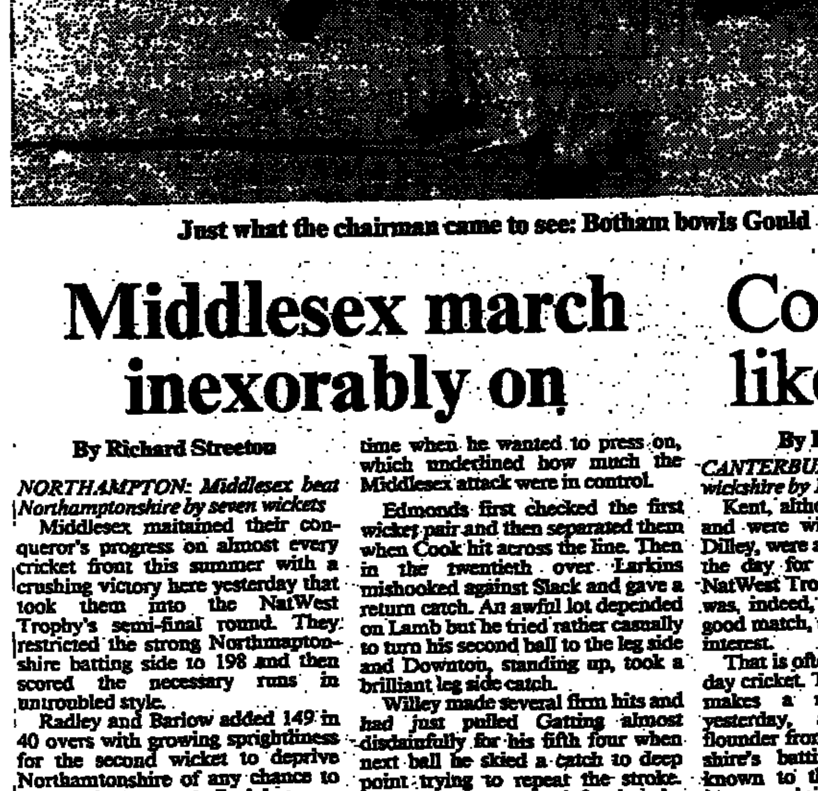
J W Lloyds retired hurt	28
P M Roebuck l-b-w b C M Wells	8
I V A Richards b Reeve	23
P W Denning l-b-w b Reeve	0
N F M Popplewell not out	4
P A Slocombe	1
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 4)	5
Total (3 wkts, 23.5 overs)	69

*I T Botham, V J Marks, † T Gard, J Garner and C H Dredge did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–37, 2–60, 3–64.

BOWLING: Pigott 8-1-21-0; Reeve 8.5-4-28-2; C M Wells 7-2-15-1.

Umpires: C Cook and D R Shepherd.
HOVE: T Gard (Somerset).



Just what the chairman came to see: Botham bowls Gould

A burden carried by Smith

By Alan Gibson

BRISTOL: Hampshire beat Gloucestershire by six wickets

It was a gala day here in the sunshine, with a touch of breeze to take the sweat out of the heat. They did not close the gates, but it might have been kinder if they had, since at least a thousand people must have spent the day standing, if they wanted to watch the cricket. It was the largest crowd I have seen here since Hammond's last match in 1951. Even my son Adam, a skilful scrounger of small corners, found himself defeated by the crush and had to come and sit with me in the relative austerity by lunchtime, the Purpureous Basil was glowing, all the JJ? club were wearing their bright blue ties, except for the patron himself, Jack Davey, who pleaded some feeble excuse that he was moving house. He will be heavily fined for this, probably a pint a member.

Yes, it was a lovely morning for Gloucestershire. They were put in, and without Stovold, who has injured a hand, but after 20 overs Broad and Romaines had scored 90. The pitch was easy, and there was nothig very demanding about the Hampshire bowling, even Marshall's.

Broad was bowled by Cowley at 95. Just before lunch, Romaines was caught at mid-off, driving at Tremlett. It was not a wise stroke, given the moment, but he had batted as well as I have ever seen him. It was his highest score in 60-over cricket. His previous highest was 48, for Durham against Berkshire, in 1979. He is a Bishop Auckland man. It is odd the Durham has never been a first-class county: good cricketers from there keep popping up *all* over the place.

The afternoon was not quite so satisfactory for Gloucestershire, after a lunch score of 149 for two in 35 overs. Given the relative strengths of the Gloucester bowling and Hampshire batting, I thought that they should have made 300. What was needed was a big innings from Zaheer, but after making an elegant 33, he was bowled by Stevenson, a stroke that seemed to lose its way in the middle.

Bainbridge and Hignell made useful contributions, but neither was able to play with freedom. There was one extraordinary moment when Marshall was bowling Childs. Childs ducked under a bouncer, his bat waving vaguely, and the next thing we knew was that the ball had carried over the fine third man boundary, six signalled. This was not a fortunate incident for Gloucestershire for Childs had damaged his hand and was unable to bowl.

The total of 252 set a fair mark, but could have been more. However, Greenidge, who has often been a torment to Gloucestershire, was leg-before to Sainsbury at 13. Nicholas and Smith batted confidently. It was 79 for one after 25 overs, at tea. At 99 Nicholas lifted Graveney to long-on, where Hignell took a good low catch.

Hampshire were eventually carried to victory by Chris Smith who scored 101 not out. His century came in 230 minutes and he hit a six and seven fours.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE:

P W Romaines c Marshall b Tremlett	82
B C Broad b Cowley	36
P Bainbridge c Nicholas b Marshall	21
Zaheer Abbas b Stevenson	33
A J Hignell c Nicholas b Stevenson	28
J N Shepherd b Cowley	6
*D A Graveney b Tremlett	3
†R C Russell b Marshall	1
J H Childs not out	14
Extras (l-b 19, w 9)	28
Total (8 wkts, 60 overs)	252

G E Sainsbury and D V Laurence did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–95, 2–149, 3–155, 4–193, 5–208, 6–215, 7–220, 8–252.

BOWLING: Marshall 12-4-37-2; Stevenson 12-1-44-2; Jesty 12-0-65-0; Tremlett 12-1-47-2; Cowley 12-3-31-2.

HAMPSHIRE

C G Greenidge l-b-w b Sainsbury	9
C L Smith not out	101
M C J Nicholas c Hignell b Graveney	51
T E Jesty b Lawrence	49
V P Terry c Graveney b Shepherd	21
*N E J Pocock not out	8
Extras (b 1, l-b 6, w 8, n-b 2)	17
Total (6 wkts, 58.2 overs)	256

M D Marshall, N G Cowley, T M Tremlett, †R J Parks and K Stevenson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–13, 2–99, 3–189, 4–243.

BOWLING: Lawrence 10.5–2–40–1; Sainsbury 12–3–51–1; Shepherd 11–0–58–1; Bainbridge 12–2–31–0; Graveney 12–0–54–1; Zaheer 0.3–0–5–0.

Umpires: D G L Evans and C T Spencer.
BRISTOL: C L Smith (Hampshire).

Thomson inquiry

Melbourne (Reuter) – The Australian Cricket Board will hold an inquiry into remarks made by Jeff Thomson about the Australian captaincy in a television interview, the board director, David Richards, said yesterday.

Richards said he had reported Thomson for an alleged breach of the player's code of behaviour. No date has been set for the hearing. On Monday, the Australian board fined David Hookes $A1,200 for comments on radio about the captaincy of Kim Hughes

Middlesex march inexorably on

By Richard Streeton

NORTHAMPTON: Middlesex beat Northamptonshire by seven wickets

Middlesex maitained their conqueror's progress on almost every cricket front this summer with a crushing victory here yesterday that took them into the NatWest Trophy's semi-final round. They restricted the strong Northamptonshire batting side to 198 and then scored the necessary runs in untroubled style.

Radley and Barlow added 149 in 40 overs with growing sprightliness for the second wicket to deprive Northamtonshire of any chance to get back in the match. Both batsmen were finally bowled by Mallender, attempting forcing strokes in the fortythird over. Middlesex still required 44 and Gatting and Ellis stayed together to the end, with Gatting making the winning hit with a straight six against Willey. Barlow was made man of the match by Basil D'Oliveira.

Northamptonshire's innings was launched with quite a flourish by Cook, and Larkins and Willey, briefly, threatened to carry on where he finished agaist Worcestershire on Tuesday. A trait shared by all the best equipped teams at county and Test level in cricket history is that somebody or other sends to succeed when needed. Slack was the man this time to catch his captain's eye and fulfil the Middlesex need.

A tight spell, which included the dismissals of Larkins and Lamb in three balls, followed by Kapil Dev's wicket later, was unexpected riches indeed. Slack made his mark as an occasional medium-pace bowler with five wickets against Leicestershire three Sundays ago. With Edmonds and Emburey, in succession, the epitome of containment, Northamptonshire stayed shackled.

It was never a pitch suitable for out and out pace and Daniel, in his first spell, Cowans and Williams were all pulled and driven by Cook and Larkins. Deniel improved later and by then Gatting, too, weighed in with medium pace that yielded singles rather than the necessary twos, threes and fours. Northamptonshire required. Williams, who was dropped at slip when he was fifth, lingered 30 over for 33 at a time when he wanted to press on, which undeclined how much the Middlesex attack were in control.

Edmonds first checked the first wicket pair and then separated them when Cook hit across the line. Then in the twentieth over Larkins mishooked against Slack and gave a return catch. An awful lot depended on Lamb but he tried rather casually to turn his second ball to the leg side and Downton, standing up, took a brilliant leg side catch.

Willey made several firm hits and had just pulled Gatting almost disdainfully for his fifth four when next ball he skied a catch to deep point trying to repeat the stroke. Slack had two overs left when he returned after lunch and Kapil Dev, in the first, leaned forward and was stumped, as his rear heel momentarily left the ground.

Downton inked over, his considerable imprint on the match by catching Williams, who was undone outside the off stump by a ball which bounced more than most. Capel played sensibly but he and Mallender were bowled in the same over and there could be no effective closing slog.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE:

*G Cook b Edmonds	29
W Larkins c and b Slack	30
P Willey c Radley b Gatting	41
A J Lamb c Downton b Slack	0
R G Williams c Downton b Daniel	33
Kapil Dev st Downton b Slack	2
D J Capel b Daniel	27
†G Sharp run out	14
N A Mallender b Daniel	0
T M Lamb not out	9
Extras (l-b 6, w 2, n-b 5)	13
Total (9 wkts, 60 overs)	198

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–60, 2–72, 3–72, 4–117, 5–128, 6–157, 7–184, 8–184, 9–198.

BOWLING: Daniel 12-2-42-3; Cowans 9-0-16-0; Williams 1-0-8-0; Slack 12-1-37-3; Edmonds 12-3-24-1; Emburey 12-4-25-0; Gatting 8-0-33-1.

MIDDLESEX:

C D Barlow, b Mallender	77
W N Slack run out	5
C I Radley, b Mallender	63
*M W Gatting not out	28
R G P Ellis not out	15
Extras (b2, l-b 9)	11
Total (3 wkts, 53.4 overs)	199

J E Emburey, †P R Downton, P R Edmonds, N F Williams, W W Daniel and N G Cowans did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–5, 2–154, 3–156.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 9–4–21–0; Griffiths 8–0–22–0; I M Lamb 3–1–8–0; Mallender 12–1–37–2; Willey 11.4–1–59–0; Williams 1–0–37–0.

Umpires: H d Bird and A G I Whitehead.
NORTHAMPTON: G D Barlow (Middlesex).

Cowdrey performs like the old master

By Ive Tennant

CANTERBURY: Kent beat Warwickshire by 105 runs

Kent, although they lost the toss and were without the bowling of Dilley, were altogether too smart on the day for Warwickshire in this NatWest Trophy quarter-final. This was, indeed, too one-sided to be a good match, although not devoid of interest.

That is often a problem with one-day cricket. The county batting first makes a reasonable score, as yesterday, and the opposition flounder from the outset. Warwickshire's batting, for reasons best known to themselves, was pretty inept, reminiscent of their display in last year's final.

They had begun inauspiciously in chasing 251. Smith played neither forwards nor back to Jarvis was taken at second slip. Kallicharran, who almost single-handedly gave Warwickshire a semi-final place last year, attempted to steer the same bowler through gully and was beautifully taken by Johnson at first slip, low and to his left.

Jarvis, who was playing only because Dilley failed a fitness test on his bruised heel, has been left out for much of the summer but was back with a vengeance as well as many a grunt. He won the man of the match award.

Woolmer, too, had a good spell, Benson took a nice catch in the deep to send back Amiss off his bowling and then iexplicably spilled an easier one skied by Humpage. This delayed the near inevitable, for Warwickshire all the while had been slipping behind the clock. Even before Humpage's departure at 125 for six, Underwood having chipped away at the middle order, the asking rate was more than six runs an over.

Kent, as they had been at Chelmsford in the previous round, were much indebted to Cowdrey. His 56 contained a couple of shots his father would have played, and a couple no one else would have tried. His old cricket master, Richard Boddington, who gave him the best advice he has ever received – "When the bowler comes in, keep saying to yourself, watch the ball, watch the ball" – was on the ground and was *highly impressed.*

In 20 overs Cowdrey and Aslett doubled the score from 78 to 156, and this despite an outfield slow after heavy overnight rain. The Kent vice captain included a six and six fours. Others promised big innings, but did not quite comme off. *This had much to do with some* tidy Warwickshire bowling in particular by Ferreira, who found a beauty to remove Tavaré.

It was, in fact, a good cricket wicket, offering a little help to everybody, the batsman not least. Willis bowled fast and well early-on, capturing Woolmer's wicket in his first over. Alas, he cannot stay on all innings in this competition. *Kent,* as they were for most of the match, were pleased.

KENT:

R A Woolmer c Ferreira b Willis	2
M R Benson l-b-w b Ferreira	33
*C J Tavaré b Ferreira	34
D G Aslett b Gifford	29
C S Cowdrey b Ferreira	56
E A Baptiste l-b-w b Gifford	22
†A P E Knott b Hogg	13
G W Johnson not out	26
R M Ellison b Willis	11
D L Underwood	2
Extras (b 4, l-b 11 w 1, n-b 7)	23
Total (8 wkts, 60 overs)	251

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–2, 2–69, 3–78, 4–156, 5–181, 6–198, 7–206, 8–234.

BOWLING: Willis 12-1-44-2; Hogg 12-2-48-1; Old 12-0-38-0; Ferreira 12-0-43-3; Gifford 12-3-55-2.

WARWICKSHIRE:

T A Lloyd l-b-w b Ellison	23
K D Smith c Tavaré b Jarvis	5
A I Kallicharran c Johnson b Jarvis	8
D L Amiss c Benson b Woolmer	21
†G W Humpage c Tavaré b Baptiste	31
R I H B Dyer b Underwood	15
C M Old c Knott b Underwood	5
A M Ferreira not out	6
N Gifford b Baptiste	5
R G D Willis c Cowdrey b Jarvis	3
W Hogg b Jarvis	4
Extras (b 4, l-b 11, w 2, n-b 3)	20
Total (51.5 overs)	146

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–14, 2–24, 3–52, 4–75, 5–113, 6–125, 7–125, 8–132, 9–137, 10–146.

BOWLING: Jarvis 7.5-2-19-4; Ellison 12-3-27-1; Woolmer 12-1-35-1; Underwood 12-5-20-2; Baptiste 8-1-25-2.

Umpires: J van Geloven and P B Wight.
CANTERBURY: K B S Jarvis (Kent).

SECOND XI COMPETITION

WORCESTER: Warwickshire 243 (S H Wootton 51; P J Newport 4 for 51); Worcestershire 42 for 0.

NORBURY: Surrey 327 for 6 (N J Falkner 105; C K Bullen 94 not out) v Essex.

HEYWOOD: Yorkshire 69 (I Folley 8 for 15); Lancashire 271 for 3 (M Chadwick 102; I Cockbain 101).

NOTTINGHAM: Sussex 340 for six dec. (D Standing 103 not out, I A Greig 80, J R P Heath 65); Nottinghamshire 27 for 1.

UXBRIDGE: Kent 147 (S G Hinks 57; K D James 5 for 58, W G Merry 4 for 36); Middlesex 167 for 3 (K P Tomlins 52).

10 wicket Dodemaide

By George Chesterton

CHARTERHOUSE: Australian Young Cricketers beat Headmasters' Conference Schools by eight wickets.

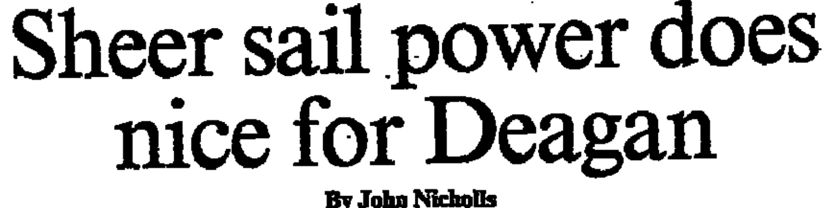
In the Australian Young Cricketers' first innings M. R. Veletta, their captain, in making 77, had displayed a wide range of strokes, playing the ball maturely through the gaps and punishing anything short of a length on both sides of the wicket.

N. C. W. Fenton, for Headmasters' Conference Schools, had bowled well from his great height and deserved his three wickets. C. S. Mays, the best spin bowler of the day, had bowled off-breaks which lifted and turned. He was unlucky to have only one victim.

The Australians declared overnight on 214 for seven, 123 runs ahead. A. I. Dodemaide bowled A. Fordham for one, thus gaining his tenth wicket of the match. The second wicket fell at 37. J. W. S. Raper and J. R. Ansell consolidated but in a crucial period 10 minutes before lunch both were out and were still 38 runs behind. Headmasters' Conference Schools.

CHARTERHOUSE: Headmasters' Conference Schools 92 (A I Dodemaide 9 for 40) and 161 (J W S Raper 37; G T Connors 3 for 40, B Mulder 3 to 17); Australian Young Cricketers 214 for 7, (Mr R Veletta 77, I A Healy, 38 not out; N C W Fenton 3 for 47) and 43 for 2.

YACHTING



Sheer sail power does nice for Deagan

By John Nicholls

Larry Wooddell's Jade, sailed by Graham Deagan, beat both the weather and her rivals to win the Brittania Cup at Cowes yesterday. Light, changeable winds, led to a long and at times frustrating race, even though the course chosen by the Royal Yacht Squadron was sensibly short.

Sheer sail power kept the Class I boats going through most of the doldrums, but less endowed boats were unable to progress at all. Most of the smaller classes, including all the one-designs spent hours at anchor waiting for the tide to turn or for sufficient wind to combat the tide, whichever was the sooner.

All races were delated in this way, restarting at the first mark of the course after the competitors had drifted there from the startling line. The day's programme was postponed for half an hour, but it was a fruitless wait and the wind did not materialise until several hours later.

Yesterday's conditions are not unknown at Cowes, but they were the first to occur this year when the Week is being sponsored for the first time by American Express.

Class I comprised a wide variety of craft from Bob Bell's Condor, a maxi rater, to some of the smaller Admiral's Cup boats, racing on one of their days' off. In the early drifting conditions of the race Condor's potential power was useless and it was the Irish boat, Justine, which charmed her way round the first mark in the lead.

Inevitably the larger boats crept up to and passed her on a spinnaker run against the tide and after taking about an hour to cover a couple of miles. Condor at last slid away on her own. As the breeze filled in from the west, the Solent slowly came to life.

Meanwhile the Brittania Cup fleet were well into their stride, with Condor setting the pace, chased by the Swedish entry, Carat. Jade, one of the unsuccessfully contenders for the British Admiral's Cup team, was placed sixth after the first round, already leading on corrected time and clearly a probable winner.

Back in Cowes the Admiral's Cup jury were dealing with a rash of protests from the previous day's race and there are some changes as a result to the points table. The British boat, Dragon (Brian Saffery Cooper), was penalised nine places after admitting an infringement, but the team still retain their fifth place.

REVISED TEAM PLACINGS: 1, Germany 496pts; 2, United States 439; 3 Australia 408; 4, Italy 392; 5, Britain 381, 6 Austria 388

Results from Cowes Week

Royal Yacht Squadron Regatta

CONTESSA 32: 1, Moongirl (R Burley); 2, Mutiny (N Pattinson); 3, Bird II (C Weatherall).
IMPALA: 1, Simjamsu (R U Crowther); 2, Uproar II (M Wheatley); 3, Bambi (J and L Hill).
ETCHELLS: 1, Scorpio (A Henderson); 2, Shgamal (M Schicht); 3, Pensive Temptress (Miss J Nance and T Herbert-Smith).
MERMAIDS: 1, Sirena (V G Walker and T Love); 2, Cynthia (J Symes); 3, Halluf (A Boyd).
FLYING 15 (for the Alistair Miller Salver): 1, Green Bean (J McIntosh); 2, Francesca (G Scheids); 3, Spectre III (D A Rutherford).
VICTORY: 1, Zest (K and S Taylor); 2, Kestrel (C M Wallace); 3, Zarena (Mrs Y Vack and D Metcalf).
XOD's (for the Steele Pilcher Salver): 1, X-Ray (C C Cawn); 2, Skiffle (A Davis and R Fowler) 3 Tortoise (J E Williams)
CLASS 1: (Britannia Cup): 1, Jade (L Wooddell); 2, Storm Bird (C Foley, Ireland); 3, Justine (F Woods, Ireland).
CLASS 2: 1, Pacemaker, (A Broechke, Neth); 2, Framboise (G Thompson); 3, Hops (A Bartlett).
CLASS 3: 1, Oystercatcher (R Matthews); 2, Electron of Portsea (C Walton); 3, Second Luv (R Arnold).
CLASS 4: 1, Priority (R Walters); 2, Fancy That (D Bishop); 3 Sequel (R Bagnall).
CLASS 5: 1, Odd Job (P Morton); 2, Randale (P Struck, Germany); 3, Surdid (A Knitel, Neth).
SIGMA: 1, Warp Factor (R Fielder); 2, Blaze (W McNeill); 3, Mad Alvina (H B Evans).
SONATA: 1, *Afterthought* (S and F Jacobs); 2, Cry Havoc (J F Woodward); 3, Tiger Rag (C Sandison).
DARINGS: Williams-Freeman Cup: 1 Deva (J Godfrey and A Matusch); 2, Duenna (J and Miss A Green); 3, Medina II (D Glasgow and G Guinness).
DRAGONS: 1, Puff (P Hobbs and I MacDonald); 2, Jerboa II (P Dyas and D Biddle); 3, Nordic (W D Citron).
J24: 1, Jimp (J N White); 2, Jumping Jack (Mrs and Mrs G Knight); 3, Just Enuff (S Roberts and Dr R Arnold).
SWALLOWS: (Swifts Prize): 1, Clodagh Mary (P M Andreae); 2, Spindrift (M Upton and D Palmer); 3, Gullo (P Plowman and W Currey).

Richards living up to a tradition

From a Special Correspondent, Long Beach, California

Jo Richards and Peter Allam led from *the gun in the fourth* Flying Dutchman race of the pre-Olympic regatta here and finished minutes ahead in a wind that suited their style. They are now overall first without a discard.

Gybing back 40 seconds from the start, they found a hole in the crowded line and were never challenged. They sailed in clear air stretching their *lead on all legs. Pat* Blake and Chris Houchin finished seventh in the thick of the chasing pack.

Richards, who is one of the finest Flying Dutchman sailors since *Rodney* Pattisson, follows a long tradition in the class. The Long Beach Regatta was won last year by John Loveday who returns to the class in September to work up his boat for the 1984 Olympics. Richards has total commitment to winning a medal. "It's my last chance: it's now or never", he said.

The boat he sails is not only self *built (the only one in the fleet) but is* designed by him, incorporating a sophisticated blend of exotic materials.

Without even modest sponsorship, his boat, which has been hailed as a breakthrough by some experts, could ruin this Isle of Wight boat builder's Olympic chances. The miracle boat received deep scars in transit to Long Beach, taking three costly days to repair.

RESULTS: Tornado: 1, R Smyth (US); 4, Rob White (GB); 12, Reg White (GB). Soling: 1, Fogh (Can); 11, C Law (GB). 470: 1, M Jones (NZ); 17, M Holmes (GB), 26, A Wetherell (GB) Star: 1, P Wright (US); D Howlett and J Boyce (GB) disqualified. Flying Dutchman: 1, J Richards (GB); 7, P Blake. Finn: 1, W Gerz (W Germany); 10, M McIntyre (GB); 17, Bridge (GB). Windglider: 1, S Van den Berg (Neth), 23, Tillett (GB).

CYCLING

Wallace in pursuit of third title

By John Wilcockson

Shaun Wallace, a student at Nottingham University, looks set to win his third title today at the national track championships at Leicester. He has already won the 20-kilometre points race and the one-kilometre time trial, and yesterday afternoon he convincingly progressed through the latest round of the 4,000 metres pursuit.

He rode precisely to a prearranged schedule to beat Robert Muzio, a local rider, coasting through the final lap to record a seemingly modest time of 5min *5.618sec.*

"I'm really enjoying my racing, now," said Wallace, who lives near Southampton. "I've finished all my exams, and I can concentrate on preparing for the world championships later this month".

It is possible that Malcolm Elliott, the Commonwealth Games road race champion, will also reach today's final. He too paced his effort yesterday afternoon to defeat Gary Sadler. But his first kilometre time–under 72 seconds–confirmed the speed in Elliott's legs on his return to track racing after four seasons.

The one final decided in the afternoon session saw Catherine Swinnerton, of Stoke-on-Trent, take her second gold medal, the one-kilometre time trial, to go with the 15-kilometre points championship she won on Tuesday night.

Also on Tuesday, Mark Barry, from Leeds, retained his sprint title after a tremendous battle in the final *against Paul Sydenham,* from Telford. The Midlands rider, who was eliminated by Barry at the quarter-final stage in 1982, proved a much sterner proposition this year.

Sydenham has slimmed 15lb off his muscular frame, and developed a Japanese-style, face-slapping routine to concentrate himself before each race. In the first match of the best-of-three final, Barry remained high on the banking while building up speed in the last lap.

After the sprinters, came the fourth and final round of the professional omnium championship. The result was a second gold medal for Terry Tinsley, who has recently turned professional, from Mick Bennet and Phil Thomas.

PROFESSIONAL OMNIUM: 1, T Tinsley (CMA-Falcon), 10pts; 2, M Bennett (Peugeot Talbot), 13; 3, P Thomas (Falcon Cycles), 16

AMATEUR 4,000 METRES PURSUIT: Eighth finals: Heat 1: M Noble (Coventry Olympic) 5min 01.201sec bt T Mayer (GS Strada) 5:06.312; Heat 2: N Lilley (VC Slough) 5:06.189 bt K Knight (VC Equipe) 5:07.711; Heat 3: G Newton (VC d'Or) 5:04.387 bt A Timms (City of Stoke) 5:06.843; Heat 4: D Webster (Manchester Wheelers) 5:02.136 bt M Oakes (VC Nottingham) 5:13.144, Heat 5: K Reynolds (GS Strada) 5:05.784 bt S Bent (Highgate CC) 5:05.970; Heat 6: P Curran (Stockton Wheelers) 5:02.214 bt G Mitchell (West Croydon Wheelers) 5:12.372; Heat 7: M Elliott (Manchester Wheelers) 5:10.529 by G Sadler (GS Strada) 5:12.815; Heat 8: S Wallace (VC Nottingham) 5:05.618 bt R Muzio (Zenith CC) 5:08.505

ONE KILOMETRE TIME TRIAL (women): 1, C Swinnerton (City of Stoke) 1:21.850; 2, B Collins (Lincoln Wheelers) 1:22.057; 3, J Axon (Manchester Wheelers) 1:22.608

ATHLETICS

Williamson may miss Helsinki

By Pat Butcher

After the shock of Sebastian Coe's withdrawal from the British team for the world championships in Helsinki, Graham Williamson has announced that he is nursing an ankle injury which has caused his hopes of a medal in the 1,500 metres to disappear. He has informed officials of the British Amateur Athletic Board, and now has to consider the possibility of withdrawing from the championships.

Williamson has said that he will definitely not be fit when the team leave for Helsinki tomorrow, but that he hopes to be fit for the heats of his event which are not until tomorrow week. The ankle injury was first thought to be a stress fracture following Williamson's race against Steve Scott and Coe in the mile at Crystal Palace almost two weeks ago.

That would definitely have ruled Williamson out of Helsinki, but when he returned to Loughborough, his own doctor diagnosed a severe ligament strain above the ankle joint in his left foot. A cortisone injection last Friday loosened the injury sufficiently for Williamson to begin jogging on Monday, and he *has been swimming and* doing an hour a day on a stationary bike to maintain his respiratory fitness.

Fatima Whitbread, one of Britain's hopes for the women's javelin, will definitely miss the team flight tomorrow. She has mild tonsilitis, and is confined to bed.



Coe: Entering hospital for two day's of tests

She will join the team on Tuesday, and also hopes to be fit for her event.

For either of these athletes to withdraw would be a blow to British medal chances. But the case of Coe and possibly Williamson highlights *one of* the major drawbacks of the world championship rules. As in the Olympics, only three competitors per event are allowed for each country. This is clearly not representative of Britain's strength in middle distance, as it is neither representative of United States' sprint strength, or the dominance of Soviet hammer throwers, to give *only a few* examples.

A line evidently has to be drawn somewhere, but it Britain has four of the world's top 10 1500 metre runners, as was the case before Coe's illness, then there is a good argument for all of them to go to a world championship.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 3, Baltimore Orioles 1 and 4-3; Toronto Blue Jays 10, New York Yankees 9 (10 innings) and 13-6; Milwaukee Brewers 5, Kansas City Royals 1 and 3-2; *California Angels* 2, *Minnesota* Twins 1; Chicago White Sox 7, Detroit Tigers 5; Boston Red Sox 6, Texas Rangers 5. Seattle Mariners 15, Oakland Athletics 12
NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Mets 5, Montreal Expos 2; Pittsburgh Pirates 10, Philadelphia Phillies 3; Chicago Cubs 5, St Louis Cardinals 3, Los Angeles Dodgers 3, Cincinnati Reds 1; Houston Astros 4, San Diego Padres 2 (12 innings); San Francisco Giants 7, Atlanta Braves 3.

FOOTBALL

NORTH AMERICAN LEAGUE: Chicago Sting 4, Montreal Manic 3.

BASKETBALL

SAO PAULO: Women's world championship finals: Soviet Union 98, Yugoslavia 64, China 72, South Korea 69 (a e.t.), United States 109, Brazil 78.

RUGBY UNION

TOWNSVILLE, Australia: Queensland Country 12, Argentina 22.

GOLF

WEST SURREY: English girls' championship: Third round: P Grice bt N McCormack, at the 19th; S Lowe bt S Nicklin, 1 hole; B Loweon bt C Griffiths, 1 hole; C Hall bt A Gregg, 3 and 2; P Johnson bt C Haytler, 5 and 3; M Scobling bt S Claw, 4 and 3; A Saudners bt J Dickens, 3 and 2; J Hill bt J Furby, 5 and 4; L Percival bt S Jones, 3 and 2; K Mitchell bt A Belcher, 1 hole; A Secrett bt K Rylands, 2 and 1; C Swallow, 6 and 5; S Duhig bt L Hackney, 3 and 2; C Breckon bt A Smith, at 22nd; N Ferguson bt N Shackleady, 2 holes; J Soulsby bt A Walters, 5 and 4.

WALTON HEATH: British Seniors Amateur Championships (leading scores, GB unless stated) Old Course: 76: D Bajus (Can), A Swann (US); 77: D Stirk; 79: B Elkin, J Cooper; 79: R Glading, L Cooper; 80: M Vans Agnew, J Marriott, L Hook (US); 81: N Darrah. New Course: 75: B Cawthray; 76: H Moseley; 77: P Osborn; 78: R Plommer, M Smith, S Gronow, J Niven; 79: C Spalding, R Deakin; 80: J Phillips, H Gould (US), R Borgnis, J Alotsson (SWE), W Carew.

OLYMPIC GAMES: The Iraqi Olympic Committee have decided to participate in the Olympic Games at Los Angeles next year, the English Daily Baghdad Observer said today, Reuter reports. The Iraqi decision, taken at a meeting of the committee yesterday, follows Iran's statement that it would not take part

FOOTBALL

Winging a way to Gijón

Madrid (Reuter) – The former England player Laurie Cunningham signed for the Spanish first division club Sporting Gijón, on a year's loan from Real Madrid on Tuesday. Cunningham was bought by Real from West Bromwich Albion in 1979 for £900,000 but he has been unable to hold down a regular first team place during two years of almost continual injury.

"All I'm interested in is showing that I'm not finished in football

● Oxford United made their first close season signing yesterday when Paul Hinshelwood, the Crystal Palace defender, joined them on a two-year contract. Hinshelwood, aged 26, a former England Under 21 international, made 275 appearances during his 12 years at Selhurst Park.

● Cambridge United's goalkeeper, Richard Key, who was given a free transfer at the end of last season, has rejected a move to Leeds United.

● Reading have signed the Portsmouth forward Trevor Senior, for £35,000.

● Gerry Daly, aged 29, will remain with Coventry City after accepting a contract for one year. The club's manager, Bobby Gould, offered him an automatic 12 months extension to the contract if Daly plays 28 first team games this season. But the Irishman said: "It would be fairer to the club if I signed a 12 months agreement with no strings attached

EQUESTRIANISM

Four break record that had stood for 12 years

From Jenny MacArthur, Dublin

The Irish puissance record, which has stood at 7ft 2in since 1971, was broken yesterday at the Dublin Horse Show when no fewer than four horses, two of them Irish, tied equal first in the Puissance Competition, sponsored by Shell, after clearing the big wall at 7ft 3in.

Jack Doyle, from Ireland, on Kerrygold Flight, was the first to clear the wall followed by his compatriot, Eddie Macken, on Carroll's Lion, who won the puissance event at the White City this year. They were joined by the two Swiss riders, Willi Melliger, on David, and Walther Gabathuler, on Beethoven. It was Beethoven's seventh puissance victory this season. The rules for a puissance competition permit only four jump-offs after which the first prize is shared.

British hopes rested with Harvey Smith, who is enjoying his twenty-sixth Dublin Horse Show, and John Whitaker, last year's joint winners. Smith and Sanyo Technology went out in the second jump-off and Whitaker, on Charlie's Angel, refused the wall at 7ft 1in, but cleared it at the second attempt.

It was Melliger's second win of the day, he had narrowly defeated Michael Whitaker, of Britain, on Amanda, in the Wylie Trophy after a nine-horse jump-off against the clock. The popular Heidi Robbiani who, like Melliger, was a member of the Swiss team which won the gold medal at Hickstead last week, finished third on her championship ride, the Irish-bred Jessica.

Those in the jump-off included Whitaker's older brother, John, on the Portuguese stallion, Novilheiro, one of the most exciting horses to appear on the international scene, and Harvey Smith whose horse, Sanyo Olympic Video, had only arrived from England that morning.

Michael Whitaker went first and set the time to beat when he went clear in 47.82sec. He made what was virtually a U-turn after fence four – a feat that was also attempted by Smith – but two fences down put him out of the running.

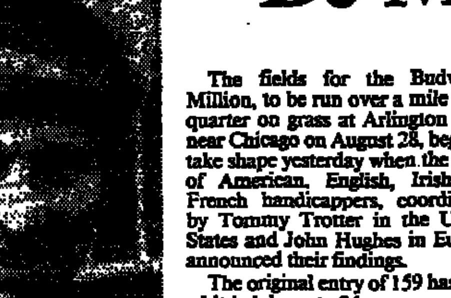
Melliger and Van Gogh took the longer route to fence five, but went so fast it did not matter. They clipped more than a second off Whitaker's time. John Whitaker and Novilheiro looked as if they might beat them both – and would have done but for knocking down the last fence. They finished fourth.

In the morning, six classes of heavyweight hunters came before the two judges, Mr Tub Ivens, from Buckinghamshire, and Mr Richard Sumner, from Oxfordshire. The quality of horses in the four and five-year-old classes for 15st and upwards was disappointing and in both cases there were none to touch the winners.

Mrs R. McNeil's High Tide, by El Teide out of Beauty, headed the first class and in the second one Mr Ned Cash's Standing Ovation, by Carnival Night, stood out from the moment he entered the ring. He is a likely winner of today's heavyweight championship. Mr Hugh Dunlop's Doubting Thomas, by Tomahawk, was pulled in second but even in Mr Ivens's capable hands the horse was reluctant to show himself off and was put down to fourth place.

A "clear round" jumping competition for hunters has been introduced at Dublin this year. The course consists of five fences up to 3ft 9in and is designed to show potential buyers that the horses are hunters in deed as well as in name.

RESULTS: Puissance: 1 equal, Kerrygold Flight (J Doyle, Ire), Beethoven (W Gabathuler, Switz), Carroll's Royal Lion (E Macken, Ire) and David (W Melliger, Switz). The Wylie Trophy: 1, Van Gogh (W Melliger, Switz), 0 in 46.64; 2, Amanda (M Whitaker, GB, 0 in 47.82; 3, Jessica (H Robbiani, Switz), 0 in 53.54. The Anthony Maude Perpetual Challenge Cup (for the best three-year-old gelding): Champion: Jack Deacon's Slaney Band; Reserve: John Roche's Assagart Prince. Slalom (Accumulator) 1, Tarmaeedam (C Power, Ire); 2, Sea Pearl (M Pyrah, GB); Kingsbridge (T Monson, Ire). Hunter Championship: Laidlaw Cup (Youngstoche championship): Champion: Mr Philip Houston's Shannon Stepper. Reserve: Mr Derek Rothwell's Greenhill Light.



Ban appeal by Cook

Paul Cook (above), who was suspended for eight days for "careless" riding at Ayr on Tuesday night, said yesterday at Pontefract: "An appeal is pending, but my solicitor wants to see the film first, before he puts it in. He has another 24 hours but is also involved with Willie Carson's appeal. That's all I can say at the moment."

Walter Swinburn, who was at Ayr and saw the race, said: "I think Paul's got to appeal. The gap was there, and he was halfway through it when they tightened up. Things are getting ridiculous nowadays. Frenchie Nicholson always taught us to go for a gap and take a chance, and my guv'nor Michael Stoute always likes me to go the shortest way, but jockeys are now having to ride to be careful. The game is about winning and I hope they will rethink it all."

RACING: ENGLISH HOPES FOR BIG AMERICAN EVENT

Be My Native chases a Million

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent

The fields for the Budweiser Million, to be run over a mile and a quarter on grass at Arlington Park, near Chicago on August 28, began to take shape yesterday when the panel of American, English, Irish and French handicappers, coordinated by Tommy Trotter in the United States and John Hughes in Europe, announced their findings.

The original entry of 159 has been whittled down to 24 so we now have the preferred field of 14 in alphabetical order, together with the 10 reserves who can be called upon in order if merit. Even at this comparatively early stage, one can easily picture this year's field as being the best so far.

Any race with the legendary John Henry in the field besides a runner or two trained by another of America's great racing characters Charlie Whittingham, cannot fail to be a success. After the triumphant comeback in the American Handicap at Hollywood Park on July 4, John Henry is now on course for Arlington Park where he won the inaugural Million in 1981.

With Erin's Isle and The Wonder to rely on, Whittingham, too, has a sound chance of winning it again. He won it 12 months ago with Perrault, Erin's Isle, who used to be trained in Ireland by Jim Bolger, is another who has thrived on the west coast in Whittingham's care.

English trainers tend to be wary when considering big international races run far afield. But after Paul Kelleway's bold decision to take up the challenge in 1981 with Madam Gay was rewarded with third place and a sum of $110,000, it was obvious that more would follow suit.

What Madam Gay proved was that the race came at a good time in the European racing calendar and that it was possible to go to Chicago and still return for more. For only a fortnight after her rewarding battle with John Henry and The Bart at Arlington, Madam Gay was in the thick of the fray once again at Longchamp, where she finished third in the Prix Vermeille beaten less than two lengths by that superb filly April Run. It was also shown that the Million was perfectly feasible for our top class jockeys. Both in 1981 and last year our jockeys were able to ride at Goodwood on the Saturday, fly overnight to the United States, in plenty of time to be there for the Arlington meeting before returning the same way, again in good time to be racing the next day.

Heartened by all that, Robert Armstrong and Barry Hills dispatched Be My Native and Motavato to Arlington last year and their enterprise was rewarded with second and third places, respectively.

Prize money for the Million stretches down to fifth place as follows: 1, $600,000; 2, $200,000; 3, $110,000; 4,$60,000; 5, $30,000. Be My Native, with £130,000 in the kitty after last year's venture, is hot on the trail again, having already won the Coronation Cup at Epsom this season.

Muscatite, who finished second in the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park over the same distance as the Million, is the only other definite English runner at this stage, because firm decisions still have to be made regarding Tolomeo, Wassl and Diamond Shoal. The latter was runner-up to Time Charter in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes.

Ian Balding, Diamond Shoal's trainer, is at present in the United States attending the yearling sales at Saratoga where he will obviously discuss the pros and cons of running Diamond Shoal with the four-year-old's owner Paul Mellon. Diamond Shoal has done conspicuously well on all his numerous trips abroad, and I shall not be surprised if he runs this particular guantlet.

Last November, he was probably past his peak when he ran in the Washington DC International, yet he still managed fourth place just behind Majesty's Prince and Thunder Puddles, two of the eight American horses in the field for this year's Million. Majesty's Prince and Thunder Puddles recently reproduced form almost to a tee when they finished first and third in the Sword Dancer takes at Belmont Park.

Watching Tolomeo run in the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood, last week, I formed the impression that both the course and the distance of the Million would suit him ideally. The same opinion holds for Wassl, who finished just behind him at Goodwood.

PROBABLE RUNNERS: Be My Native (GB), Diamond Shoal (GB), Erins Isle (USA), Hush Dear (USA), John Henry (USA), L'Attrayante (Fr), Majesty's Prince (USA), Muscatite (GB), Nijinsky's Secret (USA), The Wonder (USA), Thunder Puddles (USA), Tolomeo (GB), Trevita (USA), Wassl (GB). Reserves – in order of merit: Welsh Term (Fr), Rossi Gold (USA), The Noble Player (GB), Deputy Minister (USA), Commodore Blake (GB), Bold Run (Fr), Super Sunrise (USA), Creatus (USA), Jalmood (GB), Coquelin (Fr).

The last gallop of Queen's colt

The Queen's three-year-old colt Special Leave had to be put down yesterday after an accident on the gallops. The colt was pulled up while cantering at Kingsclere. He had a multiple fracture of his near-hind leg.

Bred by The Queen and trained by Ian Balding, Special Leave was expected to be a serious contender in the Derby, which his sire, Mill Reef, won; his preparation was badly affected by the wet spring and he had only one outing this year when finishing sixth at Sandown Park.

As a two-year-old he performed like a potential classic colt when winning the Hyperion Stakes at Ascot.

● A bay colt by Riverman, out of Fancy Jet, was purchased for $625,000 by the Aston Upthorpe Stud at the Saratoga Yearling sales yesterday. AP report.

STATE OF GOING: Redcar: firm. Brighton: good to firm. Yarmouth: firm. Pontefract: good to firm. Devon: hard. Tomorrow. Newmarket: good. Lingfield Park: good. Haydock Park: firm.

AMERICA'S CUP

Victory '83 books semi-final berth

Newport, Rhode Island (Reuter): Victory '83, of Britain, won two races on Tuesday and clinched a place in the semi-finals of the trials to decide which yacht will challenge the United States for the America's Cup trophy in September. It was the end of the line for two of the seven boats from five countries which have been taking part in the trials.

Advance, of Australia, and France 3, which have the worst records, were formally notified by the challengers' race committee that they had been eliminated from the trials. Victory '83 goes into the semi-finals with Australia's main hope, Australia II, which at this stage has easily the best record of any of the challengers and was alredy assured of a place in the next stage of the trials.

The yachts still battling it out for the two remaining semi-final place are Challenge 12, of Australia, Azzurra, of Italy, and Canada I. One of these yachts will be eliminated when the trial series ends today. Then the four survivors will have until August 11 to prepare for the semi-finals.

On Tuesday Victory '83 defeated Challenge 12 by 27 seconds and Azzurra by one minute and 12 seconds. Australia II beat Azzurra by two minutes but was forced to withdraw from a race against Canada I because of an injury to the bowman, Scott McAllister.

McAllister's left arm was broken as he was attempting to secure the mainsail to the top of the mast between races. He was taken to hospital and the syndicate chairman, Alan Bond, said he probably would not be able to race again this summer.

Australia's II's withdrawal from the race against Canada I was good news for the Canadians and bad news for Challenge 12, which had counted on beating Victory '83 and seeing the Canadians lose. Instead Challenge 12 lost a point to the Canadians in their battle for a semi-final place.

Challenge 12 has three races left in the current series against Azzurra, Australia II and Canada I. The Canadians must meet Azzurra, Challenge 12 and Victory '83.

France 3 and Advance had hoped to sail one final race before the climation notices came but Advance broke her main halyard before the race could be started and was forced to withdraw, leaving France 3 to sail the course alone.

MOTOR CYCLING: Alan North, of South Africa, has been refused permission to enter for next Sunday's world championship race at Anderstorp. The ban was imposed under a ruling introduced by the Swedish Government last year to express oppositiion to apartheid.

GOLF: Charlie Green, the Scottish amateur champion, was yesterday named as the non-playing captain of the Great Britain and Ireland youth team to meet Europe at Punta Ala, Italy from August 26-27. One place has been left open until after the British Youth championship at Sunningdale between August 18-20.

IN BRIEF

Russian team pulls out

The Soviet Union have withdrawn from the European water skiing championships at Thorpe Park, Chertsey, a Special Correspondent writes. The withdrawal is believed to have been caused by injuries to their leading skiers, Natalia Roumiantseva, the European champion, and Olga Goubarenko.

Competitions start today and ends on Sunday with the men's jumps in which Mike Hazelwood, of Britain, will be attempting to regain the world record he lost earlier this year to the Australian, Glenn Thurlow.

MOTOR RACING: Didier Pironi, who was seriously injured during practice for last year's West German Grand Prix, hopes to begin his comeback at the start of the 1984 season.

HOCKEY: Billy McLean, of Grange, will lead Scotland in the European championship in Amsterdam from August 18 to 28. As a final exercise for this event Scotland will play two matches against Spain at Helenvale, Glasgow, on Saturday (2.30) and Sunday (11.0), Sidney Friskin writes.

SQUAD: V Pappin (RAF), D Leiper (Ruthrieston), T Middleton (Grange), D Rowlands (York), D Potter (Edinburgh CS), T Hay (Edinburgh CS), D Hay (Grange), R Benzies (Gordonians), A Tait (Western), B Cuthill (Menziehill), M Yellowlees (Edinburgh CS), W McPherson (Menziehill), W McLEAN (Grange, captain), G Buchan (Brooklands, N Menzies (Perthshire), C Rielly (Southgate).

RUGBY UNION: Hugo Porta kicked a total of 18 points (five penalty goals and a dropped goal) as the Argentine touring team beat a Queensland Country XV by 22-12

Devon & Exeter

2.30 SPOTLIGHT SOUTH WEST HURDLE (Handicap: amateurs: £936: 2m 1f) (11 runners)

3.0 JOHN LUMLEY CHASE (Handicap: £1,226: 2m 1f) (9)

3.30 SUMMER HURDLE (Selling handicap: £428: 2m 1f) (9)

4.0 POWDERHAM CASTLE HURDLE (Div I: £464: 2m 1f) (10)

4.30 FONAVON CHASE (Novices: £986: 2m 1f) (13)

5.0 POWDERHAM CASTLE HURDLE (Div II: £439: 2m 1f) (9)

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Waterford Crystal Mile Goodwood: Pencourt. All engagements (dead): Cayman, Dalmane.

Brighton

Draw advantage: Low numbers best.

2.0 BLACK ROCK STAKES (2-Y-O maidens: £1,442: 7f) (15 runners)

2.30 RINGMERE STAKES (Claiming: 2-Y-O: £1,770: 5f 66yd) (9)

3.0 BRIGHTON HANDICAP (£4,565: 6f) (9)

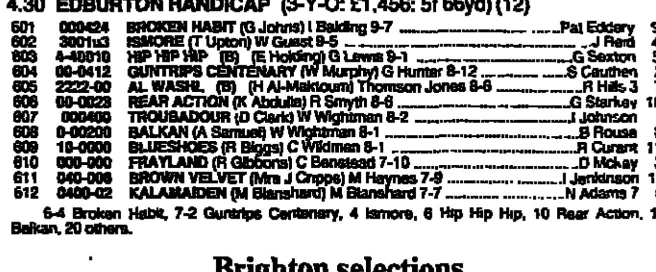
3.30 BRIGHTON SUMMER HANDICAP (£1,561: 1m 2f) (10)

408	000042	NORFOLK FLIGHT (CD) (G Tufts) M Tompkins 6-8-4 ....R Curant	5
409	42-2100	LADY GERARD (Ld Leverhulme) R houghton 3-8-3 ....J Reid	4
412	2204-00	HAMPSHIRE (B) (Mrs H Pitt) A Pitt 9-7-7 ....R Hills 3	2
414	30-0000	KATE KIMBERLEY (A Barraclough) M Usher 4-7-7 ....A McGlone 3	9
415	30-4404	TOWER WIN (C) (D Turner) C Benstead 6-7-7 .... –	8
416	20-0000	PRINCESS MONA (J Saunders) C Benstead 4-7-7 ....D Mckay	3

15-8 Fai La Bella, 5-2 Lady Of Ireland, 9-2 Norfolk Flight, 7 Dollymixture Boy, 10 Reddon, 12 Lady Gerard, 20 others.

4.0 CLIFTONVILLE STAKES (Maidens: £1,199: 1m 4f) (17)

501	00/000-	GAWNEYSUN (Mrs M Maslen) M Madgwick 5-9-6 .... –	11
502	00	LUCKY BLOW (C House) D Tucker 6-9-6 ....D Griffin 7	13
503	002	TRUE HERITAGE (D McIntyre) A Hide 4-9-5 ....G Sexton	7



4.30 EDBURTON HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,456: 5f 66yd) (12)

601	000424	BROKEN HABIT (G Johns) I Balding 9-7 ....Pat Eddery	9
602	3001u3	ISMORE (T Upton) W Guest 9-5 ....J Reid	4
603	4-40010	HIP HIP HIP (B) (E Holding) G Lewis 9-1 ....G Sexton	5
604	00-0412	GUNTRIPS CENTENARY (W Murphy) G Hunter 8-12 ....S Cauthen	2
605	2222-00	AL WASHL (B) (H Al-Maktoum) Thomson Jones 8-6 ....R Hills 3	7
606	00-0023	REAR ACTION (K Abdulla) R Smyth 8-6 ....G Starkey	10
607	000400	TROUBADOUR (D Clark) W Wightman 8-2 ....I Johnson	1
608	0-00200	BALKAN (A Samuel) W Wightman 8-1 ....B Rouse	8
609	10-0000	BLUESHOES (R Biggs) C Wildman 8-1 ....R Curant	11
610	000-000	FRAYLAND (R Gibbons) C Benstead 7-10 ....D Mckay	3
611	040-006	BROWN VELVET (Mrs J Cripps) M Haynes 7-9 ....I Jenkinson	12
612	0400-02	KALAMAIDEN (M Blanshard) M Blanshard 7-7 ....N Adams 7	6

6-4 Broken Habit, 7-2 Guntrips Centenary, 4 Ismore, 6 Hip Hip Hip, 10 Rear Action, 12 Balkan, 20 others.

Brighton selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.0 Flame Bearer. 2.30 Kelly's Star. 3.0 Tarifa. 3.30 Fai La Bella. 4.0 Julia. 4.30 Ismore.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Flame Bearer. 2.30 Kelly's Star. 3.0 African Tudor. 3.30 Fai La Bella. 4.0 True Heritage. 4.30 Ismore.

● Northern flat-race jockey Jock Skilling, who fractured his left leg in a fall at Newcastle last week, has been transferred to York district hospital.

"Jock has had pins put in his leg and it is going to take a long time to heal, but he is very cheerful and bearing up well under the circumstances", said Skilling's wife Doreen.

Skilling was thrown against a concrete post when his mount Sweet Savage, in the Boulmer Selling Handicap, collapsed and died of a haemorrhage during the race.

● Chris Grant, who broke a leg in a fall at Market Rasen on Saturday, has been transferred to his local Bishop Auckland General hospital.

● Weatherbys state that there will be a new safety limit of 13 for the Falcourt Maiden Fillies Stakes at Lingfield on Friday, and the South Coast Stakes on Saturday.

● Kevin Davies, who has been based in Holland for the last few years, makes a brief visit to Yarmouth today to partner two horses for Mick Ryan. The Dutch champion jockey rides Inset Lady and Civano.

● Clive Brittain's Jupiter Island has been backed for the Tote Ebor Handicap after reports that Lester Piggott has been booked for the mount. Hills and Corals have cut the colt's odds to 25-1, while Mecca now go 20-1

BLINKERS FIRST TIME:
Yarmouth: 2.15 Comboy Girl. 2.45 Crackerjill. 4.45 Pallavicina.
Brighton: 2.0 Ghazgouz. 4.0 Asa A La Carte, Nassipour.
Pontefract: 4.45 Blanche Neige, Floating Joker. 5.15 Arrowood Junction, Our White Hart.

Pontefract

Draw advantage: Low numbers best.

2.45 CARLETON STAKES (2-Y-O maidens: £1,354: 5f) (12 runners)

3.15 UPTON STAKES (3-Y-O selling: £643: 1m 4f) (7)

3.45 PONTEFRACT MILE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL (3-Y-O maiden handicap: £3,700: 1m) (8)

4.15 "GO RACING IN YORKSHIRE" HANDICAP (£2,281: 6f) (13)

4.45 DIANNE HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,983: 6f) (8)

5.15 STEWARDS' STAKES (3-Y-O maidens: £1,547: 1m 2f) (15)

Pontefract selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.45 Making Hay. 3.15 Birds Of A Feather. 3.45 Help. 4.15 Mount Kellett. 4.45 Jcema. 5.15 Coyor.

Great Yarmouth

Draw no advantage

Tote: Double 3.15, 4.15. Treble 2.45, 3.45, 4.45.

2.15 SCROBY SANDS STAKES (2-y-o maiden fillies: £1,035: 7f) (12 runners)

2.45 GOLDEN MILE HANDICAP (selling: £683: 1m) (12)

3.15 BROADLANDS HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,991: 6f) (7)

3.45 CAISTER HANDICAP (£1,657: 1m 6f) (4)

4.15 DICKENS STAKES (2-y-o maidens: £1,366: 6f) (4)

4.45 CITY OF NORWICH STAKES (maidens: £1,035: 1m2f) (8)

Yarmouth selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.15 Senane. 2.45 Park Bridge. 3.15 Crumble. 3.45 Val Climber. 4.15 Tocava Bono. 4.45 Childown.

Brighton results

Going: Good to firm.

2.0 BEACH STAKES (2-y-o: maidens: £1,119: 6f)

2.30 STANMER HANDICAP (Selling: £1,360: 7f)

3.0 BBC RADIO BRIGHTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,932: 7f)

3.30 BRIGHTON CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP (£4,239: 1m 4f)

4.0 LANES STAKES (£2,584: 1m)

4.30 HASSOCKS STAKES (2-y-o: £1,629: 5f)

Great Yarmouth

Going: Firm

2.15 CLIFF PARK STAKES (2-y-o: Fillies: £1,035: 6f)

2.45 BURE STAKES (2-y-o: selling: £629: 6f)

Ayr

Going: good

2.15 UNDERWOOD HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,693: 5f)

2.45 GADGIRTH STAKES (2-y-o: selling: £931: 6f)

3.15 CORRAITH HANDICAP (£1,774: 6f)

3.45 ENTERKINE HANDICAP (£2,527: 1m 5f)

3.15 PONTINS HOLIDAY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,473: 1m 2f)

HONEYBET Ab f by Habitat – Atocal Mell 8-13. L Piggott (9-4) 1
Astara ....R Lines (13-8 fav) 2
Miss Dunster..........W Carson (5-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £2.60. Places: £1.60, £1.30. DF: £2.60. CSF: £5.97. H Cecil at Newmarket. Hd, 3l. Brave Memory (9-2) 4th.5 ran.

3.45 BRITANNIA STAKES

4.15 CARBIESTON STAKES (2-y-o: maidens: £1,101: 7f)

PERSIS ch c by Persian Bold – Carol Day 9 0 ....E Hide (3-1 Fav) 1
James Winkle ....B Taylor (7-2) 2
Major's Request ....J Bleasdale (6-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £4.40. Places: £1.20 £1.20, £2.50. DF: £2.70. CSF: £15.39. J Watts at Richmond 1l, 2l. Nicky Nick (14-1) 4th 14 ran 1m 29.00sec

4.45 DALMORE STAKES

4.15 MOTORWAY HANDICAP

4.45 JIM GUNDILL HANDICAP

5.15 ROTHERHAM STAKES

4.45 SEACROFT HANDICAP

Pontefract

Going: Good to firm

2.45 FEATHERSTONE STAKES (2-y-o: maidens: £1,583: 6f)

3.15 CUDWORTH HANDICAP (selling: £706: 1m 2f)

3.45 CASTLECARE HANDICAP (£2,012: 5f)

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Application forms and further details from:

The Administrator
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Any persons who desire to make representations as to the circumstances or causes of the accident should do so in writing to the Chief Inspector of Accidents, Accidents Investigation Branch, Department of Transport, Bramshot, Fleet, Aldershot, Hants GU13 8RX within 14 days of the date of this notice and should quote the reference EW8/C840/01.

Dated this 4th day of August 1983.

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SOUTH WALES ELECTRICITY BOARD
Reference under section 11 of the Competition Act 1980

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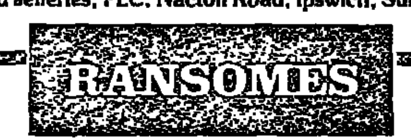
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The Times Guide to career training

Explaining the computer world

Kieran Duignan reports on a three-month course to help its graduates find jobs in a growing industry

From time to time, the Manpower Services Commission has been criticized for neglecting to find TOPS courses designed to meet the need for skilled executives in the computer industry.

It is encouraging to discover that some fresh ground has now been broken. At the Polytechnic of the South Band, three-month course on Information Technology and Salesmanship, run by Garth Spiers Interpersonal Skills Consultants, has just completed its second cycle.

The course is intended to provide the computer industry with a rare breed: people who are able to explain clearly and simply what the boffins of the IT (Information Technology) world are making available to busy executives, managers and secretaries in modern offices – and to you and me at home.

The content of the course consists of two modules running parallel: on the one hand, Hardware, Software, Peripherals and their Market Users; on the other hand, Personal Development and Career Orientation.

Malcolm Jordan, a consultant programmer with substantial experience in the computer world, and formerly a schoolteacher, is incharge of the technical content. He provides a wide-ranging introduction to computers (especially micros) and their applications, with the help of several visiting tutors.

Garth Spiers himself takes the other part of the course. "My objective is to stir each and every member of the course clearly to establish where he or she is going in his or her working life", Spiers says, a former computer salesman "Once you know what you really want to achieve in selling, you're in a good position to learn how to sell by influencing buyers' attitudes, to acquire and up date product knowledge and so on."

Spiers' etophasis makes sense: several of the 20 members of each course so far have come with redundancy notices still dancing before their eyes and some were unemployed for many months.

Methods of tuition so far have been diverse. They included classroom instruction during the early weeks, hands-on training with micro-computers and word-processors, group counselling, workshop practice in selling techniques (sometimes with the aid of closed-circuit television), market research projects, attendance at trade exhibitions followed up by reports back to other course members. "There's a lot to be said, on a course like ours, for working in pairs and in small groups as well as in the full group," Spiers observes. "I want to see each member accepting and giving compliments and criticisms in adult ways. I attach a lot of importance to handling the cut and thrust of sales interviews in an open and positive manner. By working on their approaches during dealings here with their fellows, our trainees learn how to maintain their self-respect when they're under fire – just as they will need to later on with bosses, customers or colleagues."

The age of course members ranged from mid-50 to early 20s, and the members came from a great variety of backgrounds. For a start, they originated from every corner of the British Isles. Graduates sat on a par with former apprentices, and with others lacking formal qualifications. There were people with experience in engineering, programming, technical selling and industrial buying; as the courses developed, they exchanged information, suggestions and points of view with a former barman, teacher, soldier, warehouseman and others who brought little by way of technical know-how to the course.

Where have the course members gone on completion of their training? Eighty-five per cent of those in the first course were employed when they were last heard of (all but one of them in some quarter of the computer industry). Some went back to industries with which they were already familiar – such as agriculture and printing – and are now handling the hardware and software needs of firms there. Others took up sales positions offering opportunites to concentrate on products that particularly interested them – microcomputers for business users, for example – or on software applications that give scope for their earlier experience, such as accounting, database or decision support packages.

Those with a fair amount of previous experience with computers were self-employed or working with systems houses, while younger course graduates who lacked experience in computers and in selling made their career entry at the domestic model end of the market. the highest level of remuneration known to have been achieved by someone leaving one of Spiers' courses was £15,000 and a car.

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NEWSROUND

● Almost a fifth of new graduates entering manufacturing industry this autumn with a second-class honours degree will have a starting salary of £7,000 or more (this does not include London or other allowances). Only a tenth of those joining other types of employer are likely to do so. A survey of 78 graduate employers conducted by the Standing Conference of Employers of Graduates found very wide variations in starting salaries – the lowest salaries recorded being under £5,200 in manufacturing and under £4,600 in non-manufacturing. The median salaries were £6,350 and £6,050 respectively.

● Is high-tech creating more jobs than it is destroying? According to the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS), during 1970-80, jobs fell in the computer sector from 51,000 to 44,000 and from 87,000 to 68,000 in telecommunications, despite rising output. At the same time, the National Computing Centre reports that there are 20,000 unfilled vacancies in computing because of a shortage of skilled candidates, and a shortage of 7,000 electronic engineers in manufacturing industry.

The Central Data Institute in Bristol reports that 12 out of 14 TOPS trainees have recently found jobs within three weeks of completing their microelectronics technicians courses. In addition, Lucas and Ford both revealed that they are successful in converting mechanical engineers on their payroll to electronic engineers in order to keep abreast of new opportunities in technology.

● Unemployed Londoners can now turn to an additional source of information, advice and support with the launch last week of a new free monthly newspaper for the jobless, *London Work Out*.

The newspaper has been put together by a group of unemployed journalists who met on a course at the London College of Printing in February. It is intended as a forum for discussion of all aspects of the unemployment debate, and to provide a clearing house of information put out by and for the hundreds of self-help groups being set up among the unemployed. There will be news, features, letters, listings classified and display advertisements. Feed-back from readers is encouraged and it is hoped that their letters, articles, personal stories and news items will be an essential part of future issues.

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BECKET. – On July 30th to Philippa (nee Thackeray) and Henry a daughter, Camilla, a sister for Sophie, Thomas and Oliver.

BROOKE. On August 1 at Hereford County Hospital, to Susan (nee Griffiths) and Sir Alastair Brooke, BT – a daughter (Lorna Rosemary).

HODGE. – On 31st July 1983 at Queen Charlotte's London to Jane nee Lacy wife of David Richard Searle a daughter, Flora Josephine.

LAYCOCK – on 29th July 1983 to Rose and Ben, a son, Samuel.

LEACH. On Tuesday, August 2 at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, to Marilyn (nee Etherington) and Graham – twins (Mark Graham and Nicola Joyce).

LEAKEY. – On July 23rd in Nairobi, to Janet (nee Brooke) and Jonnie, a daughter, Mary, a sister for Tanya.

O'SULLIVAN. – On July 29th in Winchester, to Geraldine and John – a son, a brother for Rory.

PRICE. On July 28, 1983, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Caroline (nee Ball) and Richard – a daughter (Emma Charlotte Louisa), a sister for Timothy and Katy.

STEWART. On July 27 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Wendy, wife of David Stewart – twin daughters (Fleur and Caroline).

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DEATHS

BAZELL. On Aug 1, peacefully at home, Mary Annabel (Anna) (nee McEvoy). Funeral service at Mortlake Crematorium at 3.30 pm on Monday Aug 8.

CLARKE. – On 29th July 1983 very peacefully at Rosewin Rest Home, Truro, Jeanette Louise Griffith Clarke in her 91st year, formerly of Boudja Smyrna, Turkey. Dear Aunt of Douglas, Maurice and Ralph Gabriel. Service at St Paul's Church, Truro on 4th August 1983.

CROUCH. On 1st August peacefully at home at Warlingham, Muriel Pleasance, beloved wife of Tom Crouch, devoted mother of Pam and Roger and dearly loved by her grandchildren. Funeral service at All Saints, Warlingham at 10 a.m. Monday 8th August followed by private cremation. No flowers please, but if desired donations to Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, Carshalton.

DAVIES. – On August 3rd 1983 Mary Ann Lockerbie Davies, RRC, late Qarane. Beloved wife of Rev. Lewis Davies and much loved mother of Peter and grandmother of Richard, Edward and Mary. Funeral service at St Mary The Virgin, Iffley on Monday 8th August at 2.30 pm followed by cremation. No flowers please.

FORBES on 2nd August suddenly at Lostock Hall, Reverend Charles Forbes, OSB, Monk of Ampleforth, aged 62 years. Requiem and funeral at Lostock Hall on Friday, 5th August at 12 noon.

GODDEN – on August 2nd peacefully at Worthing, Hilda (Molly) widow of Leslie Godden and dear mother of Geoffrey and John. Funeral at The Worthing Crematorium, Findon on Monday, August 8th at 12.30 pm. Enquiries to Jordan and Cook, Funeral Service, Worthing, 32702.

GOTTLIEB Lt. Cmdr. Eli Gottlieb, JP, RNR, on 2nd August, 1983. Deeply mourned and missed by his wife and children.

HARWOOD-LUNDGREN – on 1st August in hospital in Hamburg, Germany, Marguerite, after a long illness. Funeral in Hamburg. Memorial ceremony to be announced later. Donations to the London School of Eurythmy.

HATHERTON – on August 2nd 1983 at a nursing home in Hove, Kathleen May (Carleen), 5th Baroness Hatherton, beloved wife of the late Edward Thomas Walhouse, 5th Baron Hatherton. Funeral at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Penkridge, Staffordshire on Thursday, August 11th at 2.00pm. Enquiries to Hanningtons (Funeral Directors) 4-6 Montefiore Road, Hove. Tel: Brighton 778733.

HENSHAW on 1st August, 1983 peacefully at her home in Nunney, Somerset, Joan, widow of Pat Henshaw and loved mother of Penelope, Nicholas and Sally.

HERBERT, DAVID V. T. E. – On 31st July 1983 aged 36. Funeral Friday 5th August, 2.30pm, Snitterfield Church, Nr Stratford on Avon.

HINTON. On August 2nd, William Kirtland of Nunthorpe, Cleveland, peacefully, aged 82 years. Beloved husband of Alida Mary and much beloved father of Jane, Patrick, David and Jolyon. Family funeral at Nunthorpe Parish Church 4th August. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Teesside Hospice Care Foundation, c/o 133 Oxford Road, Middlesborough, TS5 5EA. Details of memorial service to be announced later.

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JOHNSON. – On August 2nd 1983 peacefully at Whitehanger Nursing Home, Horatia Theodora, aged 87 years widow of Captain Lionel S. Johnson. The funeral service to take place at Guildford Crematorium on Friday 5th August at 12.30 pm. All flowers and inquiries please to Pimms Funeral Services, Mary Road, Guildford. Phone: Guildford 67394.

MARTIN. On 27th July 1983 at the Alexander Nursing Home, Broadstairs, Kent, Dorothy Gertrude, daughter of the late Mr W. W. Martin, peacefully aged 93. Sadly missed by all the family.

MARTLEY. – On Aug 2nd in hospital, Enid Audrey aged 80 years on Seaford. Beloved sister of Averell. Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Wed 10th August at 10.30am. Inquiries to Seaford Funeral Service. Tel Seaford 0323-893889.

MAXWELL. – On Monday 1st August 1983 suddenly, Clyde Fairbanks (Peter), beloved husband of Meg and loving father of Diana and Buff and stepfather of Julia, Liz and Hugh. Funeral private.

McCULLEY – on July 31st 1983 peacefully at home in Upper Norwood, Dr. William John McCulley, aged 81 years, formerly medical superintendent, St Andrews Hospital, Thorpe, Norwich.

MOORE. – Suddenly on August 1st, William Thomas Moore, L.D.S., R.F.P.S., of Market Square, Whitchurch, Shropshire and formerly of Carden Cliff, Malpas, Cheshire. Dearly loved father of Veronica, William, Mark and Felicity. Funeral arrangements later. Inquiries Howell Brothers, tel. Whitchurch 2338 or 3848.

PAUL – on 1st August, Edward Harry, husband of the late Esther Rosina, peacefully at home, aged 93. Enquiries to W. F. Groombridge, Tonbridge. Tel: Tonbridge 353964. No flowers by request.

PEAKE, MAEVE (nee Gilmore), writer, painter, beauty, on 3 August 1983 in the Charing Cross Hospital, West London after a long illness that she fought courageously and unselfishly to the end. The widow of Mervyn Peake, she remains the dearly loved, admired and missed mother of Sebastian, Fabian and Clare.

REES – on 29th July 1983, after a road accident, Joan (Joannie). Funeral Service Putney Vale Crematorium, Kingston Rd SW15 on Friday 5th August at 12.00 noon. Flowers to Kenyons, 49 Marloes Rd, W8 by 11.00 a.m. please.

ROBINSON. – On Aug 2nd 1983 at Brighton, Edward Joseph, aged 82. Much loved father of Tony and wife Sylvia.

SHIELD. On July 29th in London, Moira. Service at 11.15 a.m. at Golders Green Crematorium (East Chapel), Wednesday 10th August, 1983. No flowers please. Enquiries to Leverton and Sons, 01-387 6075.

SHUTTLEWORTH. – On August 2, Lt Cdr John Ashton Shuttleworth, DL, Royal Navy (Retired), peacefully at home. Funeral private. Service thanksgiving at St. Michael and All Angels, Hathersage, Derbyshire on September 17, at 3pm. No flowers please.

STEWART Brian Malcolm on August 2nd, 1983 at home. Deeply loved husband of Jennifer and father of David and Richard. Funeral service Monday, August 8th at 2.15pm, All Saints Parish Church, Kingston, Surrey. No flowers. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research.

TARRANT. – On August 2nd, peacefully in hospital, Thomas Sherrard, very dearly loved husband of Cynthia and Father of Crispian and Annabel. Funeral Friday 5 August at St Peter Ness Mayo, at 1.30pm, followed by cremation. Donations if desired to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

FUNERALS

MOORE. – The funeral of William Thomas Moore LDS, RFPS, of Market Square, Whitchurch will take place at St George's Roman Catholic Church, Whitchurch, on Friday, August 5th at 2.15pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Friends of the Whitchurch Hospitals, for use at the Cottage Hospital. Enquiries: Howell Bros. Tel: Whitchurch 2338 or 3848.

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FEMALE – share large room in beautiful sunny house, kitchen with washing machine and other facilities, huge living room with TV and Hi-Fi. £25 pw. Tel: 385 3440 after 6.

SW12 Own room in ground floor flat, close tube, professional female preferred. £100 pcm (excl). 675 1736 evenings.

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NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 28 of the Trustee Act (Northern Ireland) 1958, that all creditors, beneficiaries and other persons having any claims against or interest in the estate of the above-named deceased, who was found dead on 12th April 1983, are required to send on or before 29th October 1983, particulars of such claim or interests to the undersigned Solicitors for the personal representatives of the deceased.

AND NOTICE is hereby further given that after the said 29th October, 1983, the said personal representatives will proceed to convey or distribute the property of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto and having regard only to the claims and demands of which particulars shall have been received.

Dated this 29th day of July, 1983.
HARRY McKIBBIN & CO.,
Solicitors for the personal representatives.
Saxone House,
5 Fountain Lane,
Belfast BT1 5NA.

FOLDWING LIMITED THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester M4 1QD on Friday the 19th day of August 1983 at 12 o'clock noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.
Dated this 27th day of July 1983.
By order of the board.
N. GOSLING
Director.

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Payment of the dividend with a 15% withholding tax is subject to receipt by the Depositary or the Agent of a valid affidavit of residence in a country having a tax treaty or agreement with Japan giving the benefit of the reduced withholding rate. Countries currently having such arrangements are as follows:

A.R. of Egypt	F.R. of Germany	The Netherlands	Spain
Australia	Finland	New Zealand	Sweden
Belgium	France	Norway	Switzerland
Brazil	Hungary	Rep of Korea	United Kingdom
Canada	Ireland	Romania	US of America
Czechoslovakia	Italy	Singapore	Zambia
Denmark	Malaysia		

Failing receipt of a valid affidavit Japanese withholding tax will be deducted at the rate of 20% on the gross dividend payable. The full rate of 20% will also be applied to any dividends unclaimed after October 31, 1983.

Amounts payable in respect of current dividends.

Coupon No. 29 EDR denomination	Gross Dividend	Dividend payable less 15% Japanese withholding tax	Dividend payable less 20% Japanese withholding tax
1 share	$0.010351	$0.008799	$0.008281

Depositary:
Citibank, N.A.
336, Strand, London WC2R 1HB

August 4, 1983

NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF EUROPEAN DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS (EDRs) IN

OKUMA MACHINERY WORKS LTD.

Further to our notice of March 18, 1983, EDR holders are informed that OKUMA MACHINERY WORKS has paid a dividend to holders of record March 31, 1983. The cash dividend payable is Yen 4 per Common Stock of Yen 50.00 per share. Pursuant to Clause 8 of the Deposit Agreement the Depositary has converted the net amount, after deduction of Japanese withholding taxes, into United States Dollars.
EDR holders may now present Coupon No. 8 for payment to the undermentioned agents.

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Australia	Finland	New Zealand	Sweden
Belgium	France	Norway	Switzerland
Brazil	Hungary	Rep of Korea	United Kingdom
Canada	Ireland	Romania	US of America
Czechoslovakia	Italy	Singapore	Zambia
Denmark	Malaysia		

Failing receipt of a valid affidavit Japanese withholding tax will be deducted at the rate of 20% on the gross dividend payable. The full rate of 20% will also be applied to any dividends unclaimed after October 31, 1983.
Amounts payable in respect of current dividends.

Coupon No.8 EDR denomination	Gross Dividend	Dividend payable less 15% Japanese withholding tax	Dividend payable less 20% Japanese withholding tax
1,000 shares	$16.52	$14.04	$13.22

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NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF EUROPEAN DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS (EDRs) IN

NISSIN FOOD PRODUCTS CO. LTD.

Further to our notice of March 18, 1983, EDR holders are informed that NIPPON SHINPAN has paid a dividend to holders of record March 31, 1983. The cash dividend payable is Yen 19 per Common Stock of Yen 50.00 per share. Pursuant to Clause 8 of the Deposit Agreement the Depositary has converted the net amount, after deduction of Japanese withholding taxes, into United States Dollars.
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Payment of the dividend with a 15% withholding tax is subject to receipt by the Depositary or the Agent of a valid affidavit of residence in a country having a tax treaty or agreement with Japan giving the benefit of the reduced withholding rate. Countries currently having such arrangements are as follows:

A.R. of Egypt	F.R. of Germany	The Netherlands	Spain
Australia	Finland	New Zealand	Sweden
Belgium	France	Norway	Switzerland
Brazil	Hungary	Rep of Korea	United Kingdom
Canada	Ireland	Romania	US of America
Czechoslavakia	Italy	Singapore	Zambia
Denmark	Malaysia		

Failing receipt of a valid affidavit Japanese withholding tax will be deducted at the rate of 20% on the gross dividend payable. The full rate of 20% will also be applied to any dividends unclaimed after October 31, 1983.
Amounts payable in respect of current dividends.

Coupon No.11 EDR denomination	Gross Dividend	Dividend payable less 15% Japanese withholding tax	Dividend payable less 20% Japanese withholding tax
10,0000 shares	$787.95	$669.76	$630.36
1,000 shares	$78.79	$66.97	$63.03

We are pleased to confirm that copies of the Quick Information of Annual Results of Operations for the six months period ended March 31, 1983 of Nippon Shinpan Co. Ltd are now available to EDR Holders upon application at the offices of the Depositary and Agent at the addresses shown below.

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BBC 1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.** News, sport, weather, travel on electric noticeboard. After 6.30, you'll need a teletext set.

6.30 **Breakfast Time.** Selina Scott and Mike Smith share the sofa between news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; Regional news on the quarter hour; sport at 6.43, 7.18, 8.18.

9.00 **Captain Caveman.** Cartoon. 9.10 **Whirlybirds.*** Vintage chopper series from the Fifties (r) 9.35 **Jackanory.** Daily serial read by Tony Aitken 9.50 **The Amazing Adventures of Morph.** 9.55 **Why Don't You . . .?** School break ideas. 10.20 Closedown

1.00 **News, weather** with Michael Cole and Vivien Creegor. 1.27 Financial Report, news headlines 1.30 **Bagpuss.**

1.50 **Montaillou.** Fascinating insight into medieval life in the Pyrenees (r).

2.30 **Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales.** The Bards assemble for the chairing ceremony.

3.30 **Missing.** Enthusiasts delve 25 feet into the mudflats of Sheppey to exhume an RAF Hurricane and its pilot, Fl-Lt Hugh Beresford, 39 years after both vanished on an ill-fated mission to intercept Luftwaffes on their way to destroy London. Peter Gordon's film pieces together a sad story of inexperienced aviators.

4.20 **Play School** (see BBC 2, 10.30am). 4.45 **Heidi:** Alpine serial. 5.05 **John Craven's Newsround.** 5.10 **We Are the Champions.** Inter-school sports knockout.

5.40 **News, weather** with Moira Stuart

6.00 **South East at Six.**

6.25 **Nationwide.** Includes a profile of exiled president of the Seychelles, James Mancham.

7.00 **Tom and Jerry.** Cartoon.

7.05 **Top of the Pops.** Chart show.

7.40 **Fame.** Another moral dilemma to dance music for the stage school kids. Here Bruno must weigh the needs of his depressed father with those of impoverished old folk.

8.30 **Tomorrow's World at Large: A Lady in Drag.** Presenter Maggie Philbin takes a quick course in daredevilry to burn rubber as a 200 mph drag racer. Thus begins a series which purports to offer science features in greater depth than would normally be possible within the Tomorrow's World format. Judging by the first two in the series, what it actually offers is a massive boost in ego for its regular presenters

9.00 **News, weather** with Michael Buerk

9.25 **The Life and Times of David Lloyd George.** In which the Welshman institutes a *menage-à-trois* at Number Ten by installing Frances Stevenson as his governess-mistress. Philip Madoc and Kika Markham play the two in Elaine Morgan's affairs-of-state serial (r).

10.25 **Campus.** Ah, the days of wine and protests and earnest democracy as president Imogen Foulkes and her student executive attend to the fearsome business of Edinburgh University's student union, with its staff of 234 and annual turnover of £3 million. The cameras were there at the height of a student campaign for higher grants.

10.55 **Tom Jones Now.** The expatriot singer with guest Lola Falana.

11.18 **News headlines.**

11.20 **The 20th Century Remembered.** By Lord Hailsham, who focuses on the 1950s and Suez

11.50 **So You Want to Stop Smoking.** Monty Python's Michael Palin did (r).

12.00 **Holiday weather and closedown.**

TV-am

6.25 **Good Morning Britain:** Anne Diamond and Martin Wainwright present news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 8.58; Sport at 6.45, 7.45 and 8.30; You and Your Money at 7.50; pop video 7.55; Star guest at 8.05; Chris Tarrant in Great Yarmouth at 6.59, 7.15, 7.35, 8.15, 8.45.

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9.25 **Thames news headlines** followed by **Sesame Street.** 10.25 **Science International.** 10.35 **Struggle Beneath the Sea.** The Mudskipper fish spends more time on dry land than in the sea. 11.00 **The History of the Motor Car.** In six parts (r). 11.25 **World Famous Fairy Tales:** The Ant and the Grasshopper. Cartoon. 11.35 **Freetime.**

12.00 **Heggerty, Haggerty** (and at 4.00). 12.10 **Get Up and Go!** With Beryl Reid. 12.30 **The Sullivans.** Alice returns after her riverside fright.

1.00 **News.** 1.20 **Thames News.** 1.30 **Emmerdale Farm** (r).

2.00 **A Plus Revisited.** Before the bulldozers marched in, naturalist Janet Marsh showed Kay Avila the delights of the Itchen Valley. A stretch of tarmac will soon cover it (r). 2.30 **Funny Man.** Born-in-a-trunk saga with Jimmy Jewel, set in 1932 (r). 3.30 **Survival.** Elks.

4.00 **Heggerty, Haggerty** (r). 4.15 **Victor and Maria.** Cartoon. 4.20 **On Safari.** Children's TV star Floella Benjamin braves the studio jungle (r). 4.45 **Home.** Australian serial set in a welfare home.

5.15 **The Young Doctors.** Sister Scott's secret must be kept.

5.45 **News.** 6.00 **Thames News** 6.25 **Help! Special.** Four extended editions begin with the demise of single people who can't afford a home.

6.40 **Carry On Laughing.** Am I right in detecting a hint of the cavalier in the title of these repeated repeats of over-exposed Carry On comedies?

7.10 **I Simply Can't See.** Ten-year-old Louise Byles is the herone of this report on coping with blindness, though she would be the last to profess any special courage. Intelligence and humour are her weapons against her disability.

7.40 **Film: Bounty Hunter** (1981) TV movie presumably meant to lead to a series, and presumably turned down by the American networks when Lee Majors bounded in as The Fall Guy. The hero here is a similarly indestructable chaser after bail jumpers, and is apparently modelled on an ex-Marine turned bounty hunter called Stan Rivkin. Ron Leibman plays him, while Bo Rocker acts as his quarry, an absconder who threatens his disabled son.

9.30 **European Connections:** Second insight into life across the Channel visits Lyon and the Camargue (*see Choice*).

10.00 **News at Ten,** followed by Thames News Headlines.

10.30 **Shelley.** The literate layabout (Hywel Bennett) is taxed on life and the universe at his local cafe (r).

11.00 **A Sense of the Past:** Great Gardens of Sleep is the subtitle, though followers of this history-on-your-doorstep series with Graeme Garden might consider that too unkind, despite its late scheduling. In fact it refers to interesting cemeteries like Highgate and the Necropolis in Glasgow.

11.30 **Lou Grant.** The cops kill a street hood who shoots the kindly city editor. Edward Asner stars in moralistic newspaper series.

12.25 **Close.** Sian Phillips reads.

Tom Bell as Frank Ross: Out (Channel 4, 9.30pm)

CHOICE

● To the creak of caulked timbers and the flap of wind-whipped canvas, independent film-makers Nell Hollander and Harold Mertes embark on an exhaustive, three-part search for **THE LAST SAILORS** (Channel 4, 8.00pm). Not the weekend souwester brigade, but the working sailor in Africa, Asia India and South America, whose days are surely numbered. This first report is full of splendidly photographed seascapes and the graceful geometry of sail. But it's no romantic celebration, thanks mainly to a refreshingly subversive commentary, mournfully narrated by Orson Welles. The cameras follow heavy-laden cargo boats ferrying limestone and brick across the Nile, then stay to watch the native crew earn extra coins humping the heavy cargo from hold to land, on their back, while the voice-over talks of slave ships manned by "economic leftovers". No Midshipman Easy the native sailor: "He mainstains a tradition he'd like to shed. But he s locked into the system and is too poor to find a way out". How they will react to being forced out is another matter. When their proud relics from a passing era are finally beached for good, as anticipated in this study, what new form of subjection awaits these last slaves of the sea?

● **WORSTWARD HO** (Radio 3, 9.35pm) is Samuel Beckett's puzzled and puzzling monologue (spoken by Norman Rodway) on where we came from and why we are here. Radio 4 goes westward ho with **THE CATCH** (3.00pm), Nick Darke's Royal Court play about a Cornish fisherman tempted to cast his net into illegal waters, smuggling cocaine. Donald McBride plays him. Earlier, in **WOMAN'S HOUR** (Radio 4, 2.00pm), Andrea Adams samples a Cornish oyster.

● Francophiles will enjoy **EUROPEAN CONNECTIONS** (ITV, 9.30pm), a series that aims for the best of both worlds by looking at France through the eyes of Britons who have set up home there. Tonight, advertising man Jeremy Nicklin promotes Lyon, "the last bastion of gracious living" and the adopted home he shares with his French wife and bilingual son. As a bonus, he throws in the open spaces of the Camargue where he spends summer weekends on horseback, chasing bulls with the locals. Nicklin's picture is deceptively appealing and his enthusiasm for architectural elegance, nouvelle cuisine and the great outdoors rightly infectious. But this is a film for armchair tourists rather than those looking for a practical guide to life with the Lyonais.

BBC 2

6.05 **Open University:** Maths: In Perspective; 6.30 Digital Measurement; 6.55 Visual Illusions; 7.20 Inner City Story (2); 7.45 Classical Greece. Theatre; 8.10 Closedown.

10.30 **Play School:** The Painted Dragon (as on BBC1, 4.20pm): 10.55 Closedown.

5.10 **Handicapped in the Community.** Therapeutic games.

5.40 **SOS Coastguard.*** Vintage thriller in daily doses.

6.00 **The Attleborough Experiment.** In a Norfolk backwater, a project succeeded in passing on the skills of local experts in beekeeping to football refereeing. Ray Gosling explains (r).

6.25 **Distant Guns: Soldiers of the Queen.** The first of a sextet from Stephen Peet of Yesterday's Witness in which old soldiers look back. This recalls the Boer War (r).

6.55 **Six Fifty-five.** Demis Roussos visits the Pebble Mill courtyard, while a camera team travel south to meet soccer manager Terry Venables, Jimmy Tarbuck and songwriter Barry Mason at Queen's Park Rangers.

7.25 **News, weather.**

7.30 **Wheels of Fire.** Keeping a paternal eye on what was a sizeable chunk of Empire, this series on India's development visits Hyderabad, where a self-help housing scheme, the Urban Community Development Programme, has been improving the lot of skilled workers in the slums. Regular income through co-operatives has inspired communal pride, social ambition and the security necessary to plan for a better future for their children.

8.00 **Bird Spot.** Ornamental wildlife filler follows Tony Soper in search of kingfishers and grey herons as they dive for dinner.

8.10 **Film: Raintree County** (1957). With occasional re-releases still making money, MGM tried to emulate its own Gone With The Wind with Ross Lockridge Jr's vast American Civil War novel. Elizabeth Taylor, who would have made a sizzling Scarlett O,Hara, plays a self-centred Southern belle, with Montgomery Clift as her young suitor, Walter Abel her old father, and Rod Taylor, Lee Marvin, Eva Marie Saint, Agnes Moorhead and Nigel Patrick also involved in passionate shenanigans under Edward Dmytryk's expansive direction.

10.50 **Newsnight.**

11.40 **Open University:** Images. The Surface of Mars. As pictured by the Viking cameras in 1976; 12.05 Public Transport in South Yorkshire: Decision-making at county council level: 12.35am Closedown.

CHANNEL 4

5.30 **Car 54 Where Are You?*** Lovable cop comedy, created by Nat Hiken after giving us Sergeant Bilko, presents officer Toody and his wife Lucille with a problem when they move into the apartment of a convicted crook.

6.00 **Bewitched.** Completing an hour of old but golden situation comedy, this had the bright idea of using attractive Elizabeth Montgomery as the friendly neighbourhood witch, marrying 'beneath herself' (as mother Agnes Moorehead sees it) to a mere mortal. This one introduced us to her nosey neighbour Mrs Kravitz, who catches Samantha turning her magical nose up at housework. (r).

6.30 **Gardeners' Calendar.** No sun-lounging in the garden for Hannah Gordon. She has a list of essential jobs for August, prepared by the Royal Horticultural Society folk at Wisley. They also advise how best to do them.

7.00 **Channel Four News**

7.50 **Comment.** Industrialist Sir Adrian Cadbury speaks his mind. A weather forecast follows.

8.00 **The Last Sailors.** Last week it was the vanishing tribes of Africa, this week the vanishing men of sail (*see Choice*).

9.00 **Soap.** Poor Jessica is still in jail, awaiting trial for Peter's murder. (r).

9.30 **Out.** The definitive Cockney crime saga from writer Trevor Preston out of Euston Films developed the style set by The Sweeney and the BBC's Law and Order (London lowlife locations, grittily filmed, villains vocabulary, violence). It also gave Tom Bell his most memorable role, as newlyreleased bank robber Frank Ross, Out to discover who 'shopped' him. But first he discovers the toll of his eight year stretch. His wife is in a mental home, his son a delinquent and a new heirarchy installed in his South London territory. A worthwhile rerun in six parts.

10.30 **Pure Libby.** Staying in South London, but for something completely different, Shakespeare's Bankside in Southwark is one of the locations used to backdrop the entertaining one-woman-show by Canadian comedienne Libby Morris. The main setting is the stage of the Shaw Theatre, Euston, where Kenny Clayton accompanies on the piano.

11.30 **What the Papers Say.** No FT, but comment aplenty from its political correspondent Margaret Van Hattem, who surveys the produce of her Fleet Street rivals.

11.45 **Closedown.**

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including: 6.45 Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary. 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.43 Copycat by Robin Chambers. The reader is Roger Rees. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News; Checkpoint with Roger Cook (r).
9.30 The Living World. From a cliff top, near Dover.
10.00 News; Russell Harty's Musical Encounters (new series) with guest, Lord Howard, who has just retired as Chairmen of the BBC.
10.30 Morning Story: "Olywn's Young Man by Patrick J. Corcoran. Read by Dillwyn Owen.
10.45 Daily Service.†
11.00 News and Travel; with Great Pleasure. A Selection of prose and poetry, made by Hammond Innes (r).
11.48 Ad Hoc Cookery with Bob Symes. Ideas for "bangers and mash" dishes.
12.00 News; You and Yours.
12.27 What Ho! Jeeves "Joy in the Morning!" by P. G. Wodehouse (4).† 12.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes part 2 of Christina Dodwell's Further Travels in Papua New Guinea. Plus Cornish oyster-eating and part 2 of The Plague Dogs.
3.00 Afternoon Theatre: The Catch. (*see choice*).
4.00 News; Just After Four. Summer in the cottage garden.
4.10 A Good Read. Paperbacks (r).
4.40 Story Time: "Pudd'nhead Wilson" by Mark Twain (4).
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 Brain of Britain 1983. Midlands and East Anglia.†
7.00 News; The Archers.
7.20 Four Classic Comedies 2: "The Magistrate" by Arthur W. Pinero. With: Nigel Stock, Jill Bennett, Charles Gray, Maria Aitken, Anthony Daniels and Jonathan Cecil.†
9.15 Kaleidoscope. Includes an item on the film version of Ronald Harwood's play The Dresser.
9.59 Weather.
10.00 The World Tonight: News.
11.00 A Book at Bedtime: "The Pledge" by Friedrich Durrenmatt (4). The reader is Bernard Hepton.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Night (new series). Miscellany, introduced by Barry Paine.
12.00 News; Weather.
12.15 Shipping Forecast.
England VHF with lf except: 6.25-6.30am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00 Listening Corner. 5.50-2.00 PM (continued). 11.00 Study on 4: Science and Society (5). 11.30-12.10am Open University: 11.30 W. H. Auden and Light Verse. 11.50 Education Bulletin.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather; 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: J C Bach (Overture: La clemnza di Scipione; Schubert: Piano Sonata, Op 537; Hummel (Trumpet Concerto in E (John Wilbraham is soloist).†
8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Stravinsky (Prelude for Jazz Ensemble – 1937); Poulenc (Pastourelle (L'Eventail de Jeanne), played by Gabriel Tacchino, piano; Dvorak: (Symph. no 1 – Czech Phil.†
9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Rossini. Scenes from Semiramide (1823). In the title role: Joan Sutherland. With Marilyn Horne, John Serge, and the LSO.†
10.00 Paganini and Spohr: The Pagnini Sonata Concertata in A (Perlman/Williams) and Spohr's Clarinet Concerto No 2, Op 57 (Anthony Pay as soloist).†
10.40 Mozart and Walton: The Piano Quartet, K493, and the Piano Quartet of Walton (Tunnell Piano Quartet).†
11.45 Bournemouth Sinfonietta: Arriega (Symph. in D), Howells (Elegy for viola, string quartet and strings), Faure (Suite: Peleas et Melisande), Richard Rodneyn Bennett (Viola Concerto).†
1.00 News.
1.05 Beethoven: Edith Vogel plays the Sonata in B flat major, Op106.†
2.00 Goya: Two-act opera by Bohac, sung in Czech. Based on the Feuchtwangler novel about the painter. The title role is sung by Rene Tucek (baritone). Act 1.† Interval reading at 2.55
3.00 Goya: Act 2.†
3.55 Amphion String Quartet: Beethoven Quartet in A, Op 18, No 5, and Janacek Quartet No 2.
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: with Michael Berkeley. Includes Respighi's Fountains of Rome, and works by Debusssy, Vaughan Williams and Vivaldi.†
6.30 Bandstand: Eric Ball (Sinfonietta: The Wayfarer; Ireland (Elegy – a Downland Suite), Bliss (Suite: Kenilworth). Camborne Town Band.†
7.00 Haydn Piano Sonatas: James Walker plays the B flat (H XV1 41, and the sonata in D, H XV1 42 (r).†
7.30 Proms 83: From the Royal Albert Hall. Part one: Grieg and Bax (see panel).†
8.25 Summer Excursions: with A H Halsey. Leisure time activities. Visits to a stately home and a leisure centre, and to Mick Jagger.
8.45 Proms 83: Part two. Aulis Sallinen and Sibelius (see panel).†
9.35 Worstward Ho: A monologue by Samuel Beckett. Spoken by Norman Rodway.
10.20 Bach: the Trio-Sonata in G (BWV 1039) played by Stephen Preston and Nicholas McCegan (flutes), Jane Ryan (viola da gamba) and Christopher Hogwood (harpsichord). Record.†
10.35 The Electronic Voice: Luciano Berio's Hommage to Joyce, and Luigi Nono's musical manifesto – La fabbrica Illuminata. VHF only – Open University: 6.35-6.55am Job Creation 11.20pm. Maths Foundation Tutorial 11.40-12.0 Modern Art: Roger Fry.

TONIGHT'S PROM

7.30 Greig: Peer Gynt Suite No 1. Bax: Violin Concerto. BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Bryden Thomson. With Manoug Parikian as soloist.
8.45 Aulis Sallinen: Shadows – Prelude for orchestra (first European performance). Sibelius: Symphony No 5 in E flat major. Radio 3. Stereo.

Radio 2

News on the hour every hour (except 8.00 p.m. and 9.00) Major Bulletins: 7.00 a.m., 8.00, 1.00 p.m., 5.00 and 12.00 midnight (MF/MW).

5.0am Colin Berry.† 7.30 Ray Moore.† 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00pm Music While You Work.† 12.30 Gloria Hunniford† including 2.02 Sports Desk.

2.30 Steve Jones† including 3.02 Sports Desk. 4.00 David Hamilton† including 4.02 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn† including 6.45 Sport and Classified Results, 7.28 Cricket Desk.

7.30 The Boston Pops.† 8.30 Country Club, with Wally Whyton.† 9.30 Star Sound Extra. 9.57 Sports Desk. 10.00 Know Your Place, starring Roy Dotrice, Patricia Hayes. 10.30 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am The David Francis Sound.† 1.30 The Organist Entertains.†

2.00-5.00 Richard Clegg, presents You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

News on the half hour from 6.30am until 8.30pm and then at 10.00 and 12.00 midnight (MF/MW). 6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates 11.00 David Jensen with the Radio 1 Roadshow in Great Yarmouth. 12.30 Newsbeat. 12.45 Mike Smith. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Peter Powell, including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 Talkabout. 8.00 Richard Skinner. 10.00 John Peel. 12.00 Midnight Close. VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2. 5.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Nature Notebook. 6.40 The Farming World. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Country Style. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Stories by Saki. 8.30 John Peel. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Science Through the Looking Glass. 10.00 The Gentlemen of the Chapel Royal. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 New Ideas. 11.25 The Week in Wales. 11.30 The Golden Obsession. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Top Twenty. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 *Twenty-Four Hours.* 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 The Pleasure's Yours. 2.30 Second Hearing. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 The Golden Obsession. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 A Jolly Good Show. 9.15 Ulster Newsletter. 9.20 In the Meantime. 9.30 Business Matters. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 The Week in Wales. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Simenon's Maigret. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Ulster Newsletter. 1.50 In the Meantime. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Fantastic Fiddler. 2.30 Europe's Untidy Peace. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News about Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Business Matters. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today.

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BBC 1 BBC Wales: 1.27-1.30 pm News. 4.18-4.20 News. 6.00-6.25 Wales Today. 12.00 midnight. News of Wales. Scotland: 10.30-11.30 am The Untied Shoe Laces Show. 1.25-1.30 pm News. 6.00-6.25 Reporting Scotland. 12.00 midnight Scottish News. Northern Ireland: 1.27-1.30 pm News. 4.15-4.20 News. 6.00-6.25 News at Six and Summerscene. 12.00 midnight Northern Ireland news. England: 6.00-6.25pm Regional news magazines. 12.05am Close.

S4C Starts 2.15pm Ffalabalam. 2.30 Eisteddfod. 3.30 Black on Black. 4.35 Start Here. 5.00 Pili-Pala. 5.05 Gweld I'r Gwylt. 5.25 World of Animation. 5.35 Dick van Dyke Show. 6.05 Brookside. 6.30 Car 54, Where Are You? 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Eisteddfod. 8.15 Y Byd Yn Ei Le. 9.00 Heart of the Matter. 10.00 Eisteddfod. 10.45 Film: Undercurrent (Katherine Hepburn). 12.45am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 10.25am-12.10 Crown Green Bowling. 12.30pm-1.00 House Calls. 1.20-1.30 Granada Reports. 3.00-4.00 Crown Green Bowling. 5.15-5.45 Make Me Laugh. 6.00 This is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-6.35 In Profile. 7.10-7.40 PS It's Paul Squire. 10.30 Hill Street Blues. 11.30 Me and My Camera. 12.00 Profiles in Rock 12.35am Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 10.25 am-12.00 Shinbone Alley. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Robin's Nest. 5.15 Tales at Teatime. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.40 Take the High Road. 7.10-7.40 Benson. 10.30 Session. 11.30 Me and My Camera. 11.55 Late Call. 12.30 Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Day Ahead. 10.30 Professor Kitzel. 10.40 Untamed World. 11.05 New Fred and Barney Show. 11.35-12.00 Freetime. 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Poor Billy Render. 5.15-5.45 One Of The Boys. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.30 Police Six. 6.35 Cartoon. 6.45 Crossroads. 7.00-7.40 PS It's Paul Squire. 10.30 Farming – Summer Special. 11.00 Me and My Camera. 11.30 News, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except. 9.25am 3-2-1 Contact. 10.00 Morning Serial. 10.30 Central Sport. 11.05-12.00 Tarzan. 12.30pm-1.00 About Britain. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 News. 7.00 PS It's Paul Squire. 7.30 England, Their England. 8.00-9.30 Film: Mutiny on the Buses. 10.30 Citizen '83. 11.05 Me and My Camera. 11.35 Making a Living. 12.05am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 10.25am Space 1999. 11.15 Foo-Foo. 11.25 Cartoon. 11.35-12.00 Flintstones. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Beverley Hillbillies.* 6.00 News. 6.45 Crossroads. 7.10-7.40 PS It's Paul Squire. 10.30 Scene '83. 11.00 Me and My Camera. 11.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace.* 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.45 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 By The Way. ends

CHANNEL As London except: 12.00-12.10pm Heggerty Haggerty. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Poor Billy Pender. 5.15 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Chance to Meet. 6.40 Garden for All. 7.10 P.S. It's Paul Squire. 7.40-9.30 Film: Doctor in Love. 10.35 Bosom Buddies. 11.00 Me and My Camera. 11.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace*. 12.25am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 10.25 am-12.00 Film: Wrong Arm of the Law (Peter Sellers). 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Preview. 5.15-5.45 University Challenge. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.45 Crossroad. 7.10-7.40 PS It's Paul Squire. 10.30 Me and My Camera. 11.00 Hill Street Blues. 12.00 News. 12.03 am Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am-9.30 News. 10.25 Adventures of Gulliver. 10.55-12.00 Cricket. 1.20pm-1.30 News and Lookaround. 5.15-5.45 That Girl. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.10-7.40 PS It's Paul Squire. 10.32 Gangster Chronicles. 11.30 Me and My Camera. 12.00 Cricket. 12.30am Possessions That Speak. 12.35 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.26am First Thing. 10.25 Matt and Jenny on The Wilderness Trail. 10.50 Tarzan. 11.50-12.00 Cartoon. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 England, Their England. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 Summer at Six. 6.35 Police News. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.10-7.40 P S It's Paul Squire. 10.30 Nine to Five. 11.00 Me and My Camera. 11.30 Doomsday. 12.00 News. 12.05 Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 10.25am Cartoon. 10.45 Tarzan. 11.35-12.00 Freetime. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Mork and Mindy. 5.15-5.45 Bygones. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.45 Crossroads. 7.10-7.40 PS It's Paul Squire. 10.30 Look What We've Found. 11.00 Me and My Camera. 11.30 Mannix. 12.30am Vantage Point, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 10.25am *Vicky The Viking.* 10.45 Voyage To The Bottom of The Sea. 11.35-12.00 Sport Billy. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-400 Keep it in the Family 5.15-5.45 Different Stokes. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.45 Crossroads. 7.10-7.40 Robin's Nest. 10.30 Ladies' Man. 11.00-11.30 Me and My Camera. 12.25am Company Closedown.

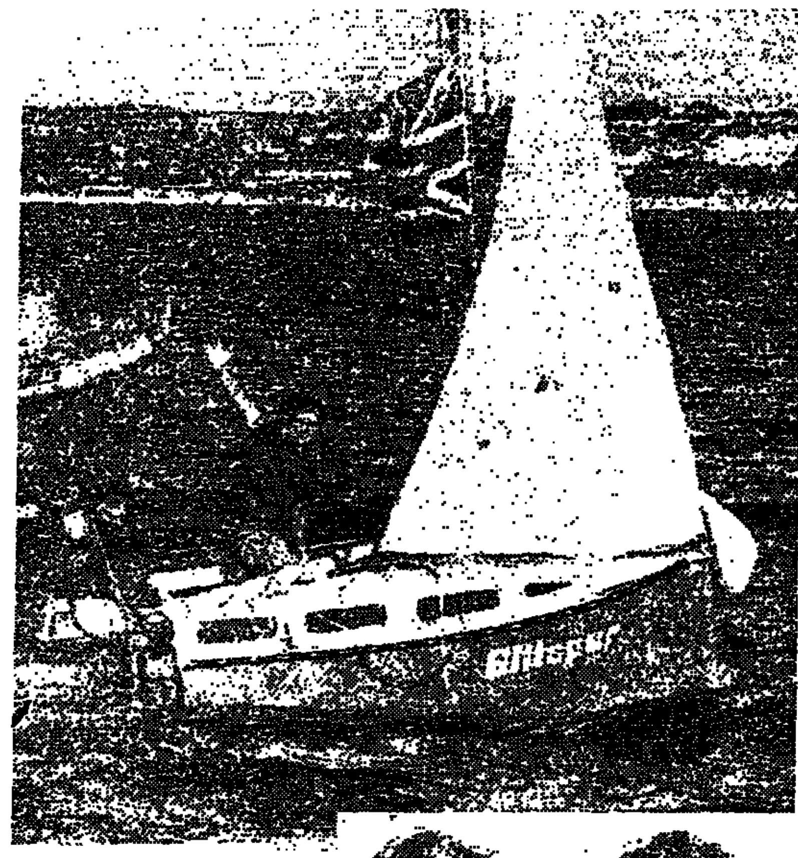
TSW As London except: 10.25am Fang Face. 10.50 Laurel and Hardy*. 11.10-12.00 Sinbad Voyage. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Poor Billy Render. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Televiews. 6.40 Gardens For All. 7.10-9.30 Film: Doctor in Love (Michael Craig). 10.35 Bosom Buddies. 11.05 Me and My Camera. 11.35 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace*. 12.30am Postscript. 12.36 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 10.25am Nature of Things. 10.50 Art of Ceramic Firing. 11.05 Sport Billy. 11.35-12.00 Freetime. 12.30pm-1.00 Paint Along with Nancy. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Clegg's People. 5.15-5.45 Benson. 6.00 Calendar. 6.45 Crossroads. 7.10-7.40 Robin's Nest. 10.30 Me and My Camera. 11.00 Past Masters. 11.30 Star Class. 12.00 Closedown.

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Tom McClean . .

... is a veteran at crossing the Atlantic in search of records. In 1969 he became the first person to row single-handed across the 2,500-miles of water. When not at sea Mr McClean, pictured with his wife, Jill, runs an adventure training school near Mallaig, west Scotland. Giltspur, his bathtub-shaped craft, measures 7ft 9in.

Billy Dunlop. . .

... the American lorry driver who holds the present record for crossing the Atlantic in the smallest boat, achieved his success on board Wind's Will after 78 days at sea. Mr Dunlop, pictured with his wife Pam, had almost been given up for lost when he was sighted 500 miles off Land's End. His boat had a glass fibre hull, three sails and a pair of oars, but no engine.



Tom McNally...

... pictured with his wife Cathy, is at 5ft 11in just 11 inches shorter than his boat, The Big C. The wooden craft, sheathed in a bullet-proof skin, was built near Southampton. It has a 13ft 6in mast. Mr McNally, an engineer, will lie full length in it for most of the crossing. It is especially designed so that all the sail handling ropes lead back into the cockpit.

Winning by a short prow in cockleshell battle of the Atlantic

Almost a year to the day after setting, and quickly losing, the record for crossing the Atlantic in the smallest boat, Tom McClean, aged 40, is about to recapture the title – almost certainly to have it quickly snatched away yet again (Richard Evans writes).

The former SAS man, who set off on his latest Atlantic voyage from Canada 55 days ago on board his tiny yacht, Giltspur, measuring just 7ft 9in long, is now about 100 miles off the coast of Portugal, having been blown south by strong headwinds.

When he reaches land today or tomorrow he will have broken the record set by Billy Dunlop, a 16-stone American, who sailed into Falmouth last August aboard Wind's Will, his 9ft ⅞in craft – 17 days after Mr McClean had crossed the Atlantic in a yacht eight and one eighth inches longer.

But Mr McClean's victory celebrations will be tempered by the news that another Briton has already set out to break his new record.

Tom McNally, also aged 40, from Widnes, left Heathrow yesterday bound for Newfoundland, from where he will attempt to sail back to Britain in a boat 6ft 11in long "I am confident I will break the record", he said before leaving home. "It is something I have always wanted to do."

There is keen rivalry between him and Mr McClean. "He tried to fool me by leaking the news that his boat was 8ft 10in long", he added. "But I know that this was just a ploy to trick me into commissioning a boat that would not be small enough to take the record.

"Tom McClean now knows that I have a smaller boat than his – and has very sportingly sent me a message wishing my venture the best of luck."

His trip, in aid of Cancer Research, has taken him eight years to plan and has cost £13,000. Although he had five years' experience with trawlers in Icelandic waters, he had little yachting experience before he began sea trials in his specially designed boat, named The Big C.

'The North Atlantic is no place for the lunatic fringe of bathtub sailors. I am not irresponsible, and while I love adventure I have taken every possible precaution to ensure that I will live to pursue that love", he said.

Anger over French curbs on day-trips

By a Staff Reporter

The Government was given a warning in May that France was unhappy about the way day-trippers from Britain were allowed into French ports on short-term excursion cards, it emerged last night.

The disclosure follows French immigration officials' refusal to admit 100 coloured British day trippers with 60-hour identity papers.

As anger over the refusal grew, the Foreign Office said the Government had already agreed to a review of the 18-year-old agreement which allows Britons into France for up to 60 hours without a passport or a visa.

A spokesman said that France had made it clear in May that it felt the system was being "abused". As a result, French officials were due to meet Foreign Office and Home Office officials to try to resolve the differences.

Although no dates for meetings have been fixed, the flouting of the agreement by the French has clearly angered the Government.

The Foreign Office said: "We are concerned about the report and are taking this up with the French authorities."

At least 100 coloured people, mainly West Indians, were turned back from Calais and Boulougne last Sunday because they failed to produce visas which are compulsory for entry to France by non-EEC citizens.

The French Embassy yesterday refused to comment when asked how the officials had known the day-trippers were not British citizens.

A spokesman said: "Some West Indians who did not have visas have been returned. They could not be allowed into the ports without a visa."

Mr William Trent, chairman of the West Indian Standing Conference, said: "I feel very angry about this. However you look at it, the French have chosen to discriminate against one group of people."

But the protests do not conceal the fact that, under the memorandum drawn up in 1971, the French are entitled to refuse admission to Britons.

Nevertheless, two ministries in Paris are already locked in argument. The Interior Ministry refuses to comment on the incident, and the Social Affairs Ministry says that if reports of the refusal are true, it could "constitute a scandal".

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FT reaches peace settlement with striking print union

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Times chairman said: "I don't think we could have got this agreement one day earlier than we got it."

He said the company had won productivity concessions, including the running of printing machines at faster speeds to abtain a nightly print run of 275,000 copies, and the use of new equipment to achieve colour printing across two pages.

He added: "I am not saying it is a victory. Nobody can have a victory when the employers will have lost £10m and the men have lost earnings of £1.2m."

The NGA is also thought to have spent more than £100,000 in dispute benefits after bringing out all its 270 members in support of the machine-minders.

But Mr Wade insisted that the money has been well spent to preserve the NGA's right to make a separate agreement for its machine room members.

The TUC general council, whose members voted 25-8 last week to suspend the NGA for refusing to accept the mediator's report which was personally underwritten by Mr Murray, emerges with a somewhat impaired image.

Last night the TUC wanted it to be known that its "capacity to deliver" had been vindicated

An Acas spokesman said one aim now was a disputes procedure for the introduction of new technology.

Lawson to identify job-creating sectors

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said, included lack of skills and training, geographical mobility, the tax structure and financial constraint on companies wanting to market new products.

The Government said yesterday that unemployed 16 and 17-year-olds who join the Armed Forces Youth Training Scheme will receive between £30 and £50 per week less spending money than youngsters recruited into the armed forces under normal procedures, Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent, writes.

They will receive the normal youth training scheme pay of £25 a week, less a food and accomodation deduction of about £10. Recruitment for the one-year training begins today.

In announcing further details of the scheme, Mr Johm Stanley, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, said that when the scheme was fully in operation – by about the middle of next year – it was hoped that it would provide 5,200 places for young people.

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THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen embarks on HMY Britannia to cruise the Western Isles, at Southampton Dock, 5.35.

New exhibitions

New aspects of the Borders: Entries to art competition, Traquair House, **Innerleithen**; daily 10.30 to 5.30 (until Aug 31).

Flower paintings and drawings by Jillian McDonald, Woodland Centre, near Jedburgh; daily 1 to 5.30 until Aug 21, then Sundays, Wednesdays and bank holidays only.

Local crafts and Scottish landscape photography, Borders Craft Centre, **Bonjedward**, near Jedburgh; Mon to Sat 9.30 to 5.30, Sun 12 to 5.30 (until Aug 31).

Minstrelsy of the Scottish Borders: Costume figures by Anne Carrick and tapestries by Macdonald Scott, Smailholm Tower, near **St Boswells**; Mon, Thurs to Sat 9.30 to 7, Tues, Wed and Sun 2 to 7.

Egypt and the British, Gallery of Modern Art, The Athenaeum, Princess Street, **Manchester**; Mon to Sat 10 to 6 (until Sept 17).

Summer exhibition: Paintings, prints and crafts by more than 40 artists, **Broughton** Gallery, Peebleshire: 10.30 to 6 (until Friday).

Exhibitions in progress

Man and his environment, National Museum of Wales, Oriel Eryri, **Llanberis**, Gwynedd; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5 (until Sept 18).

Cirencester and Conflict: Life on the home front in the two world wars, Corinium Museum, **Cirencester**; Mon to Sat 10 to 6, Sun 2 to 6 (until Sept 27).

The Floating World: Japanese prints, **Glasgow** Museum and Art Galleries, Kelvingrove; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (until Sept 28).

Artists' impressions of the Undercliff from eighteenth century to today, Carisbrooke Castle Museum, Newport, **Isle of Wight**; Mon to Sun 9.30 to 6.30.

Paintings by Mary Rose Hardy and Sidney Sadgrove, **Tunbridge Wells** Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Mount Pleasant; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 9.30 to 5 (until Aug 11).

Last chance to see

Work of North Oxfordshire Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers, **Banbury** Museum, 8 Horsefair; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Saturday).

Paintings by Scott Valentine, Rozelle House, Rozelle Park, **Ayr**; 11 to 5 (ends today).

Talks, lectures

Sonia Lawson talks about her paintings, Mappin Art Gallery, Weston Park, **Sheffield**, 7.15

Creepy Crawlies – for children aged 8 and over, Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, **Edinburgh**, 10.55.

Music

Organ recital by Marcus Sealy, **Bath** Abbey, 1.

Recital by János Sebestyén, St David's Hall, **Cardiff**, 1.10.

Concert by Ulster Orchestra, New University of Ulster, **Coleraine**, 8.

Recital by Yuko Inoue (viola) and Ka Kit Tam (piano), St Mary's Centre, **Aylesbury**, 1.10.

Organ recital by Francis Jackson, St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, **Edinburgh**, 8.

Walks

Arthur's Seat: Edinburgh's volcano (fairly strenuous), meet Main Hall, Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, **Edinburgh**, 2.

General

Snape Antiques Fair, Aldeburgh Festival Concert Hall, Snape Maltings, 11 to 8 today and tomorrow, 11 to 6 Saturday

Royal Manx Agricultural Show, King George V Park, Douglas, Isle of Man, 9 to 6.

Cardiff Searchlight Tattoo, Cardiff Castle.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,199

ACROSS

1 Cotswolds village sport (9).
6 He wrote as an enemy of French origin (5).
9 Cross-channel swimmer coming to sad end in real tragedy (7).
10 Black medick is unique (7).
11 Squeeze into cupboard (5).
12 Cite hippy perhaps, like one growing on another (9).
13 Gather points about love from editions of Dante (8).
15 Mother is back in the old country (4).
19 Tory assembly in city of Paris (4).
20 See company with deficit – America makes it a huge figure (8).
23 Love-sickness? (9).
24 Shylock's friend returned but a pound (5).
26 Weird sort of house where he'd find Sally ensconced (7).
27 Food? I'm going into a fast! (7).
28 Such courage shown perhaps at this auction? (5).
29 A beastly collection of people I agree in a way (9).

DOWN

1 Writer takes note, everything having significance (4-5).
2 Arrange hanging of Dr Gibbon? (5).
3 Government Department makes eastern waterway test (8).
4 Excited by exchanges in Round Ten (6,2).
5 Sister on Channel Islands takes round Pope's representative (6).
6 Vessel holding survivors after being blown up (6).
7 Abbey sources (9).
8 One has key, after breaking the code (5).
14 Infantry to blame for service inefficiency (4-5).
16 Parasitic plant – bit of thrush-foot? (9).
17 Market surplus in one part of range (8).
18 Jack's original name for Ernest Moncrieff (8).
21 Put an end to drink! (6).
22 Understanding West is party to opening of mission (6).
23 Herbert has the same bug (5).
25 Dim vision of river in network of lines (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,198

FLOCK SIDEBURNS
O M I T A O U P
REACTIONS WAFER
E H C I T E F A
STASH CHAIRLIFT
T E A R A
ARSENAL DERANGE
L Y E E L L
LIBERAL VANDYKE
A E E A V
TERMAGANT BUSIE
I I L F E C I N
TUTTI LARCENOUS
U I B E A N U E
SACRISTAN TEXAS

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 6

New books – paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

Alexander Pope: Collected Poems (Dent, £2.95)
Goddesses, Ghosts and Demons, the collected poems of Li He (Anvil, £10)
Hauntings and Apparitions, by Andrew Mackenzie (Paladin, £2.50)
Lace, by Shirley Conran (Penguin, £2.50)
New Arrivals, Old Encounters, by Brian Aldiss (Triad Granada, £1.95)
Robin Hood, by J. C. Holt (Thames and Hudson, £4.50)
The Altering Eye, Contemporary International Cinema, by Robert Philip Kolker (Oxford, £6.95)
The Fall of the Russian Empire, by Donald James (Granada, £1.95)
The Man from Odessa, by Greville Wynne (Granada, £1.95)
The Newspaper: An International History, by Anthony Smith (Thames & Hudson, £3.95)

BA

Cool eating

The following is a further selection of recommended London restaurants with air-conditioned rooms:

Inn on the Park, Four Seasons and Lanes, Hamilton Place, W1, 01-499 0888; Inter-Continental Hotel, Le Souffle, 1 Hamilton Place, W1, 01-409 3131.

Ken Lo's, Memories of China, 67 Ebury St, SW1, 01-730 7734.

Leith's, 92 Kensington Park Rd, W11, 01-229 4481.

Masako, 6 St Christopher's Place, W1, 01-935 1579; Montcalm Hotel, La Varenne, Great Cumberland Place, W1, 01-402 4288.

Parkes, 5 Beauchamp Place, SW3, 01-589 1390.

Royal Lancaster Hotel, La Rosette, Lancaster Terrace, W2, 01-262 6737.

Sheraton Park Tower, Le Trianon, 101 Knightsbridge, SW1, 01-235 8050; Shezan, 16 Cheval Place, SW7, 01-589 7918.

Tiberio, 22 Queen St, W1, 01-629 3561; Tower Hotel, Princes' Room, St Katharine's Way, E1, 01-481 2575.

Walton's, 121 Walton St, SW3, 01-584 0204; White House Restaurant, Albany St, NW1, 01-387 1200.

PHS

Anniversaries

Births: **John Tradescant**, naturalist, Meopham, Kent, 1608; **Percy Bysshe Shelley**, Field Place, Horsham, Sussex, 1792; **William Henry Hudson**, naturalist and writer (*Green Mansions*), Buenos Aires, 1841; **Sir Harry Lauder**, Portobello, Edinburgh, 1870; **Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother**, St Paul's Waldenbury, Hertfordshire, 1900.

Deaths: **Simon de Montfort, Earl of Leicester**, killed at the Battle of Evesham, Worcestershire, 1265; **William Cecil, Lord Burghley**, London, 1598; **Hans Christian Andersen**, Copenhagen, 1875.

Britain declared war on Germany, 1914.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.78	1.70
Austria Sch	29.30	27.75
Belgium Fr	83.50	79.50
Canada $	1.92	1.84
Denmark Kr	14.93	14.23
Finland Mkk	8.90	8.50
France Fr	12.45	11.90
Germany DM	4.15	3.95
Greece Dr	136.00	127.00
Hongkong $	11.50	10.85
Ireland Pt	1.31	1.25
Italy Lira	2460.00	2340.00
Japan Yen	386.00	366.00
Netherlands Gld	4.63	4.41
Norway Kr	11.64	11.07
Portugal Esc	187.00	177.00
South Africa Rd	2.02	1.87
Spain Pta	230.00	219.00
Sweden Kr	12.23	11.63
Switzerland Fr	3.34	3.17
USA $	1.55	1.50
Yugoslavia Dnr	154.00	144.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only.

Retail Price Index: 334.7.

London: The *FT* Index closed up 7.6 at 725.6

Hosepipe ban

A hosepipe ban will be extended in the south-west from midnight today because of the exceptionally heavy demand on water in the holiday region. Plymouth and nearly a hundred more parishes in Devon and Cornwall will come under the ban.

Bond winner

The winning number for the £250,000 Premium Bonds draw for August is 5ZN 309700. The winner lives in North Yorkshire.

Roads

London and South-east: A33: Roadworks at Easton Lane and Spitfire Bridge affecting Winchester bypass. A40: Roadworks on Westway eastbound at Shepherds Bush. A413: Road narrows London-bound on Amersham Road, Chalfont St Peter.

Wales and West: A40: Roadworks west of Carmarthen, Dyfed in three places before St Clears. M4: Lanes closed at junction 32 (Cardiff). M5: Northbound carriageway shared between junctions 8 (M50 junction) and 9 (Ashchurch).

Midlands and East Anglia: M6: One carriageway shared between junctions 10 and 11 (Walsall and Cannock). A429: Roadworks south of Wellingbourne, Warwickshire. A45: One carriageway shared on Orwell Bridge, Ipswich bypass.

North: A693: Temporary lights at Stanley to High Handenhold Road, co Durham; diversion at Beamish. A583: Contraflow at Riversway, Preston. A574: Temporary signals on Warrington Road, Culceth, Warrington.

Scotland: A1: Road closed daily at noon and 7pm near Lamberton, Borders. A902: One lane only southbound at Davidson Mains, Lothian. A92: Roadworks on Inverkeithing to Dundee Road at Dalgety West junction, Glenrothes and Balfarg, Fife.

Information supplied by the AA.

The papers

The **Daily Mirror** comments that inflicting pain on animals in the name of sport is sickening and "inexcusable, indefensible and despicable. It is time Parliament plucked up the courage to make it illegal as well".

Pollen forecast

	Pollen count	Peak times
Aberdeen	high	3 to 6 pm
Basildon	high	3 to 6 pm
Bath	med	noon to 3 pm
Belfast	high	3 to 6 pm*
Bradford	high	3 to 6 pm
Brighton	low	3 to 6 pm
Carlisle	med	3 to 6 pm*
Darlington	high	3 to 6 pm*
Dudley	high	3 to 6 pm
Edinburgh	high	3 to 6 pm
Exeter	low	–
Glasgow	high	3 to 6 pm
Hull	high	3 to 6 pm
Leeds	high	3 to 6 pm
Lincoln	high	3 to 6 pm
Maidstone	low	–
Norwich	low	–
Preston	high	3 to 6 pm
Reading	high	3 to 6 pm
Rotherham	high	3 to 6 pm
Runcorn	high	3 to 6 pm
Salford	high	3 to 6 pm
Southampton	high	3 to 6 pm
Swansea	high	3 to 6 pm
Tewkesbury	med	noon to 3 pm
Warwick	high	3 to 6 pm

* except during rain

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Weather forecast

Pressure will be high over S Britain. A trough of low pressure will approach NW later.

6 am to midnight

London, East Anglia, SE, Central S, SW England, Midlands, Channel Islands, S Wales: Dry; sunny periods; wind variable, light: max 20 to 22C (68 to 72F).

E, NW, Central N England, N Wales: Mostly dry, cloudy at first, sunny intervals later; wind SW, moderate; max 18 to 20C (64 to 68F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, N Ireland: Cloudy at times, some sunny intervals; wind SW, moderate: max 18 to 20C (64 to 68F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Moray Firth: Mostly dry, sunny intervals; wind SW, moderate, max 18 to 20C (64 to 68F).

NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, a little rain chiefly in evening; wind W to SW, moderate to fresh; max 17 to 17C (59 to 63F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Mostly dry, sunny periods. Becoming warmer.

SEA PASSAGES: Wind W, light or moderate; sea slight. **Straits of Dover, English Channel (E):** Wind variable, mainly W or NW, light; sea smooth. **St George's Channel, Irish Sea:** Wind W or SW, light or moderate: sea slight.

Sun rises: 5.28am **Sun sets:** 8.45pm
Moon rises: 12.42am **Moon sets:** 5.02pm
New Moon August 8.

Lighting-up time

London 9.15 pm to 4.59 am
Bristol 9.24 pm to 5.09 am
Edinburgh 9.45 pm to 4.53 am
Manchester 9.31 pm to 5.00 am
Penzance 9.31 pm to 5.26 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	18	64	Guernsey	s	17	63
Birmingham	f	17	63	Inverness	r	17	63
Blackpool	f	17	63	Jersey	s	19	66
Bristol	f	18	64	London	s	21	70
Cardiff	c	18	64	Manchester	f	17	63
Edinburgh	f	18	64	Newcastle	c	16	61
Glasgow	c	14	57	Ronaldsway	c	15	59

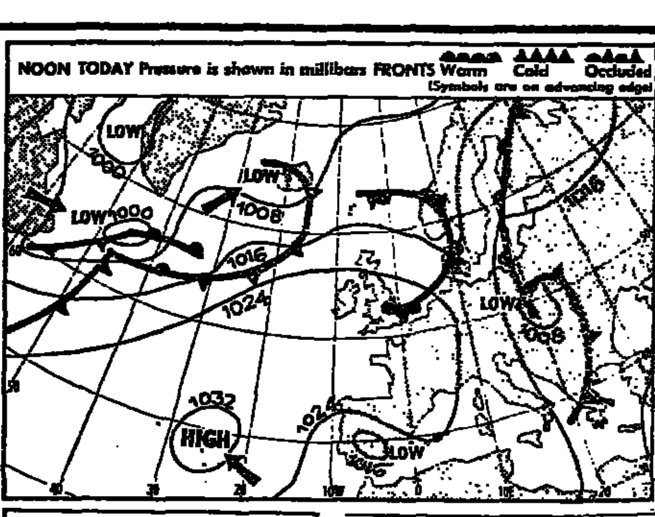
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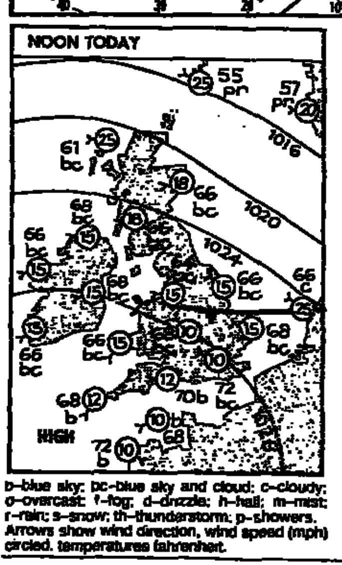
Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 23C (73F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 11C (52F). Humidity: 6 pm, 42 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.05in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 11.7hr Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1026.2 millibars falling.
1,000 millibars - 29.53 in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: London 23C (73F); lowest day max: Lerwick 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath 0.51in; highest sunshine: Rouno, Isles of Scilly 14.8hr.

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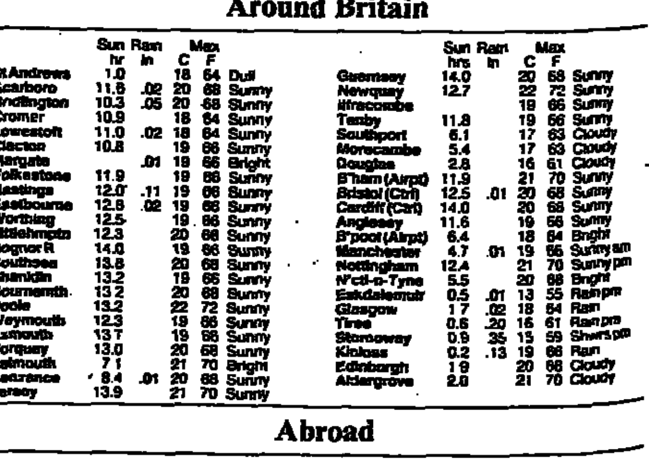
b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.50	5.8	10.11	5.9
Aberdeen	9.34	3.5	10.27	3.5
Avonmouth	2.45	10.3	3.25	10.3
Belfast	7.15	3.0	7.58	3.0
Cardiff	2.30	9.6	3.11	9.6
Devonport	12.56	4.5	1.49	4.5
Dover	7.08	5.4	7.32	5.5
Falmouth	12.26	4.3	1.19	4.3
Glasgow	8.43	4.0	9.02	4.0
Harwich	7.58	3.3	8.18	3.4
Holyhead	6.36	4.8	7.24	4.6
Hull	2.17	5.9	2.45	6.0
Ilfracombe	1.41	7.1	2.17	7.1
Leith	10.47	4.6	11.38	4.6
Liverpool	7.8	7.7	8.00	7.7
Lowestoft	5.54	2.1	6.37	2.1
Margate	8.06	4.0	8.27	4.1
Milford Haven	2.00	5.5	2.37	5.4
Newquay	1.00	5.6	1.37	5.5
Oban	2.05	3.1	2.18	3.0
Penzance	12.16	4.5	1.06	4.5
Portland	2.10	1.4	2.57	1.5
Portsmouth	7.26	3.8	8.05	4.0
Shoreham	7.05	4.8	7.52	5.0
Southampton	7.17	3.7	7.53	4.0
Swansea	2.07	7.6	2.47	7.6
Tees			12.08	4.5
Walton-on-Naze	7.50	3.5	8.10	3.5

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain



	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
St Andrews	1.0		18	64	Dull	Guernsey	14.0		20	68	Sunny
Scarboro	11.6	.02	20	68	Sunny	Newquay	12.7		22	72	Sunny
Bridlington	10.3	.05	20	68	Sunny	Ilfracombe			19	66	Sunny
Cromer	10.9		18	64	Sunny	Tenby	11.8		19	66	Sunny
Lowestoft	11.0	.02	18	64	Sunny	Southport	6.1		17	63	Cloudy
Clacton	10.8		19	66	Sunny	Morecambe	5.4		17	63	Cloudy
Margate		.01	19	66	Bright	Douglas	2.8		16	61	Cloudy
Folkestone	11.9		19	66	Sunny	B'ham (Airpt)	11.9		21	70	Sunny
Hastings	12.0	.11	19	66	Sunny	Bristol (Ctrl)	12.5	.01	20	68	Sunny
Eastbourne	12.8	.02	19	66	Sunny	Cardiff (Ctrl)	14.0		20	68	Sunny
Worthing	12.5		19	66	Sunny	Anglesey	11.6		19	66	Sunny
Littlehmptn	12.3		20	68	Sunny	B'pool (Airpt)	6.4		18	64	Bright
Bognor R	14.0		19	66	Sunny	Manchester	4.7	.01	19	66	Sunny am
Southsea	13.8		20	68	Sunny	Nottingham	12.4		21	70	Sunny pm
Shanklin	13.2		19	66	Sunny	N'ctl-o-Tyne	5.5		20	68	Bright
Bournemth	13.2		20	68	Sunny	Eskdalemuir	0.5	.01	13	55	Rain pm
Poole	13.2		22	72	Sunny	Glasgow	1.7	.02	18	64	Rain
Weymouth	12.3		19	66	Sunny	Tiree	0.6	.20	16	61	Rain pm
Exmouth	13.7		19	66	Sunny	Stornoway	0.9	.35	15	59	Shwrs pm
Torquay	13.0		20	68	Sunny	Kinloss	0.2	.13	19	66	Rain
Falmouth	7.1		21	70	Bright	Edinburgh	1.9		20	68	Cloudy
Penzance	8.4	.01	20	68	Sunny	Aldergrove	2.0		21	70	Cloudy
Jersey	13.9		21	70	Sunny						

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; th, thunderstorms.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	25	77	Copenhgn	s	18	64	Majorca	c	24	75	Rio de Jan			
Akrotiri	s	29	84	Corfu	s	31	88	Malaga	s	27	81	Rome	s	28	82
Alexandria				Dallas*	f	34	93	Malta	s	33	91	Salzburg	r	10	50
Algiers	s	29	84	Dublin	f	18	64	Melbourne	f	10	50	Sao Paulo			
Amsterdam	c	18	64	Dubrovnik	s	29	84	Mexico C*	f	20	68	S Francisco*	s	21	70
Athens	s	30	86	Faro	s	25	77	Miami*	s	32	90	Santiago*			
Bahrain	s	37	99	Florence	c	24	75	Milan	f	25	77	Seoul	f	32	90
Barbados*	f	30	86	Frankfurt	c	17	63	Montreal*	c	21	70	Singapore	f	31	88
Barcelona	f	24	75	Funchal	c	22	72	Moscow	c	21	70	Stockholm	f	23	73
Beirut	c	31	88	Geneva	c	17	63	Munich	r	12	54	Strasbourg	c	16	61
Belgrade	f	32	90	Gibraltar	c	25	77	Nairobi				Sydney	r	12	54
Berlin	r	17	63	Helsinki	s	26	79	Naples	f	30	86	Tangier	s	29	84
Bermuda*	s	32	90	Hongkong	f	31	88	New Delhi	f	30	86	Tel Aviv	s	33	91
Biarritz	f	22	72	Innsbruck	r	12	54	New York*	f	29	84	Tenerife	s	25	79
Boulogne	f	17	63	Istanbul	s	27	81	Nice	s	29	84	Tokyo	s	30	86
Bordeaux	s	21	70	Jiddah				Oslo	s	19	66	Toronto*	s	27	81
Brussels	f	17	63	Jo'burg				Ottawa				Tunis			
Budapest	f	22	72	Karachi				Paris	f	18	64	Valencia	f	24	75
Buen Aires*				Las Palmas	f	25	77	Peking	c	33	91	Vancouver*	c	16	61
Cairo				Lisbon	s	26	79	Perth	c	21	77	Venice	th	19	66
Cape Tn	c	16	61	Locarno	f	23	73	Prague	r	11	52	Vienna	f	19	66
C'blanca	s	24	75	L Angeles*	c	21	70	Reykjavik	d	9	48	Warsaw	r	23	73
Chicago*	c	28	82	Luxembg	r	15	59	Rhodes	s	28	82	Washington*	f	33	91
Cologne	s	29	84	Madrid	s	29	84	Riyadh	s	42	104	Zurich	c	16	61

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available



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